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# Synopsis

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Lin Huang was a 15-year old boy from Earth, on a path to live his life in a world full of monsters. With his younger sister in his care, and given only 91 days to live, the odds were not in his favor at all... That is until, he killed a vicious vampire, purely by accident. With a twist in his tale, his life was changed completely. As he fought his way through this world with the help of his troops made of men and monsters, the boy sets his sights on a much larger ambition of becoming the greatest monster hunter in the world!

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# Chapter 101: The Rubbish Bin that Disappeared

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Lin Huang thought the only clue he had now was the rubbish bin that disappeared.

"The third rubbish bin must have disappeared together with Lin Xin. If we find the rubbish bin, we should be able to find Lin Xin."

Lin Huang got the security personnel to contact their leader, Chen Wei.

"Mr. Lin, we've received the room number of the girl in ponytails. She's staying in Room 321 on the ninth floor. I have contacted the girl's father and got them to wait in their room. We can go over now." Chen Wei brought them this piece of news when he picked up the call.

"We can put that on hold first. I got another clue; a lady who managed a store around the area said there were three rubbish bins when it was around 5:40 p.m. but now, there are only two. The time the rubbish bin disappeared matched the time my sister went missing too. I'm suspecting the person who that rubbish bin also took my sister." Lin Huang presented his theory to Chen Wei.

"I'll come to you now to look at the video taken around 5:40 p.m.."

"Sure, I'll get my two colleagues to stay in the area for further

clues." Chen Wei nodded.

After they hung up the call, Lin Huang rushed to the monitor room. Chen Wei had paused the video of the time which Lin Huang requested. He then played the video. The video began from the time Lin Xin threw the rubbish until the time when Lin Huang and the other two arrived at the location. There were all confused after watching the video, including Lin Huang.

"Nobody removed the rubbish bin?!" Lin Huang frowned, that was strange.

If Lin Xin disappeared with the rubbish bin, she would be taken away while she was still in the rubbish bin. Aside from the monster taming token, there's no other storage item that could contain a living being and the monster taming token doesn't even work on humans." Lin Huang shook his head.

"Furthermore, who would want to purposely steal a rubbish bin full of rubbish?"

"What should we do now?" Chen Wei was as helpless as Lin Huang was.

"There are only two possibilities. One, the lady we met earlier could be lying to distract us. The other possibility would be there really was a third rubbish bin in the camera's blind spot."

"Please get your two colleagues to ask the other merchants if they

noticed the third rubbish bin. There were a couple of people throwing rubbish at the location during the time your sister disappeared, please contact them."

"What kind of business does the fat lady do?" Lin Huang queried.

"The fat lady has been with us for 26 years. She sells cigarette and alcohol, she was here before I joined the company, she has no reason to lie." Chen Wei knew the fat lady very well. "She may, however, be wrong about the number of rubbish bins, that's all."

"Let's ask the rest then." Lin Huang understood the complication.

Soon the two security personnel had finished asking all the merchants around that area. Besides the fat lady, another shop owner said she saw the third rubbish bin too. Chen Wei contacted the six guests who appeared on the video. Three of them said they saw the third rubbish bin while the other two could not recall and one of them only saw two rubbish bins. The girl in ponytails was one of the six people, she could not remember how many rubbish bins there were.

"From the information gathered, there really was a third rubbish bin in the blind spot." Lin Huang concluded. One of the guests said he saw two rubbish bins at 5:58 p.m. The guest seemed certain of his answer, he said, "Of course I remember there were only two rubbish bins. The rubbish was leaking out from both bins and it took me awhile to get my empty can in, how can I forget that?!"

"Now the only certain clue is that the rubbish bin disappeared

between 5:40 p.m. and 5:58 p.m. However, your sister's disappearance was between 5:42 p.m. to the time when you guys arrived which was 6:23 p.m. During that period, nobody got rid of the rubbish bin." Chen Wei sat at the workstation in the monitoring room.

"That means the person who took my sister must have used some technique that we don't know of. He must have taken both the third rubbish bin and my sister." Lin Huang was triggered by all sorts of theories now.

"We are out of clues..." Chen Wei shook his head and sighed.

"Let's talk to the girl in ponytails on the ninth floor then." Lin Huang refused to give up.

Chen Wei called the girl's father to confirm the visit time and brought Lin Huang together with his personnel to the ninth floor of the spaceship. They rang the doorbell and the girl in ponytails opened the door.

"Daddy, we have guests." The girl said loudly to the man sitting on the couch.

The man stood up and smiled at them, "Please come in."

Lin Huang realized that the man was the one who glanced at Lin Xin at the floating elevator entrance, the man in the white shirt. Knowing that the man had a daughter who was the same age as Lin



Xin, he let his guard down because as a parent himself, it was normal to look at other kids who were the same age as his daughter.

"Lily, please get us some tea." The man said to the girl.

"Okay, daddy." The girl skipped to the kitchen.

"Please have a seat. I'll try my best to help." The man smiled.

"There's no need for tea, Mr. Wei. We're here to talk to your daughter, it won't take too long."

As Chen Wei was chatting with the man, Lin Huang observed him. This Mr. Wei seemed to be in his 40s. He was about 1.85 meters, had fair skin and a good fashion sense. He was still wearing the white shirt with black slacks. He wore a gold frame glasses, he was a man with style.

"No offense but may I know what do you do for a living, Mr. Wei?" Lin Huang asked.

"I was a teacher, now I have my own business." Mr. Wei replied Lin Huang.

"Why the career change?" Chen Wei was curious.

"Unfortunately, the salary was low." Mr. Wei laughed.

"That's true, it's especially hard when you have a wife and a kid." Chen Wei understood him as he was almost the same age as Mr. Wei.

"Mr. Wei, you're here with your daughter? Didn't your wife come along?" Lin Huang asked.

"My wife passed away many years ago, I only have a daughter now." Mr. Wei shook his head and said.

"I'm sorry to hear that." Lin Huang did not expect that answer.

"Don't worry about it, it has been so long." Mr. Wei waved his hand.

Lin Huang noticed a green gem on the ring on his left ring finger but he did not ask further.

Soon, the girl in ponytails came to them with tea.

"Daddy, I brought tea."

"Please serve the guests." Mr. Wei nodded.

The girl placed the tray on the coffee table and served the tea to everyone. Later on, she went to the man.

"Sit down, Lily." Mr. Wei got her to sit on his lap. Lily was obedient; she did not say a word but sat quietly.

"That's a good girl. My daughter is almost the same age as yours." Chen Wei admitted.

"I used to be a teacher and so I trained her too. You are most welcome to send your daughter here too; I could train her as well." Mr. Wei seemed passionate.

"That's too much trouble." Chen Wei was embarrassed.

"No trouble at all, I have too much time on my hands right now. I study with her and teach her manners." Mr. Wei said and sensed that he was getting off topic, "I almost forgot why you guys came here for. Please, do talk to Lily."

"Daddy..." Lily seemed shy. Now that she knew they were here for her, she hid in Mr. Wei's embrace.

"Don't worry, we only need to ask you a couple of questions." Mr. Wei patted Lily's shoulder.

"Little girl, don't be afraid. We are the security team on this spaceship and we're here to make sure that everybody is safe." Chen Wei said.

"She's just a little shy." Mr. Wei nodded to Chen Wei.

Chen Wei then showed him Lin Xin's photo, "Have you seen this little girl before?"

Lily shook her head without an expression.

Mr. Wei who was sitting behind her hesitated and asked, "I saw this girl at the floating elevator entrance. That was more than an hour ago, what happened?"

"She's missing. We hoped that your daughter might have seen something." Chen Wei explained.

"Missing? Shouldn't there be surveillance camera on the spaceship?" Mr. Wei raised his eyebrow.

"There are a couple of blind spots, the girl disappeared at one of the blind spots." Chen Wei was embarrassed when he said that.

"Is that so, hopefully you could find her as soon as possible." Mr. Wei did not ask further.

"Little girl, do you remember drinking on a bench at 5:40 p.m.?" Chen Wei asked Lily. Lily nodded.

"Do you remember how many rubbish bins there were?"

Lily shook her head, "I don't remember. Two, or maybe three..."

After a couple of questions later, it was obvious that Lily did not seem to know anything about the incident. Lin Huang and the rest left Mr. Wei's room in desperation...

# Chapter 102: Who is the Culprit?!

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After leaving Mr. Wei's room, they walked towards the floating elevator. They entered the staircase; Chen Wei could not help but looked at Lin Huang.

"We don't have anymore clues now, what do we do?"

"Please send me the video clips. I need some time to think. If I help, I'll contact you again." Lin Huang pressed the seventh floor in the elevator.

Soon the floating elevator arrived at the seventh floor and Lin Huang stepped out of the elevator while the rest stayed within the elevator. Chen Wei hesitated for awhile and told the security personnels behind him, "You guys head to the room and send the video clips to Mr. Lin. I'll see the captain."

"Leader, is it really necessary to alert the captain?" The security personnels looked concerned.

"If people found out about a missing person on the Demonic Crystal Spaceship, our reputation will burn and if we do not catch the culprit, the security team is at fault. Not only would we lose our job, we might have to pay the compensation. If we did not inform the captain now, we will be in serious mess if the issue worsens." Chen Wei knew how serious the incident was so he dared not delay any minute.

"We understand now." The security personnels nodded while

heading to the monitoring room.

There was a lady in her 30s in a high-slit black dress in the cockpit. Her half covered dress made her even sexier. Although the door was opened, Chen Wei knocked anyway. The lady turned around and gave him a sweet smile, "Team Leader Chen, it's been awhile since you visited."

"Captain, something happened on the spaceship." Chen Wei was staring at her pair of fair, long legs instead of her eyes. He was embarrassed and looked at the ground instead.

"Please come in and tell me more." The lady remained poised.

Chen Wei walked into the cockpit with his head down. He only took two steps forward; the lady in black dress stood less than one meter away from him. Her pair of fair, long legs were showing between the slit. Chen Wei then looked up and his eyes stopped at her cleavage. He took a deep breath and closed his eyes instead.

"Leader Chen, your heart is beating so fast." The lady placed her hand on Chen Wei's chest. He felt warmth on his chest and had a boner. He then opened his eyes and took a step back.

"Captain, we have an emergency."

"Look at you getting all worked up. Tell me, what happened?" The lady peeked at his boner and smirked. Chen Wei tried to maintain his cool by not reacting to the sexual tension.

"There's a missing girl on this spaceship. We have been looking for her for the past one hour."

"What time did she go missing?" The lady asked.

"Around 5:40 p.m."

"It is only less than an hour. How would you know she's missing?" The lady asked curiously.

"The sister's brother reported at six and we have checked the surveillance camera, the girl disappeared from the blind spot..." Chen Wei told her the story.

The lady frowned, "If she's really missing and we do not catch the culprit, we will be fully responsible. Not only would we have to pay a huge amount of compensation to the brother, the spaceship will be suspended from flying. It would take a couple of months for investigation, we can only get it up and running after confirming that the spaceship is fine. Moreover, all of the staff, myself as the captain, the security team will be investigate for a long time. Things will be so troublesome. Let's not waste anymore time, we must find the culprit!"

"The spaceship docks at Dong Xuan City at 9:20 tomorrow morning. It's a company rule that our flight schedule cannot be delayed for even a minute so we must find the culprit by then. We cannot let any skeptical person slip away, including the brother of the girl who is missing!"



"The girl's brother?" Chen Wei looked at the captain in doubt.

"He might be the mastermind behind all this, it is possible to he killed his sister so that he could get the compensation. Moreover, we aren't even sure if the girl is really his sister." The lady included Lin Huang in the suspect list.

"Understood, we will do our best to find the culprit." The lady made sense so he included Lin Huang into his list of suspects.

Of course, Lin Huang would not know what happened in the cockpit. After he got back to his room, he received the video clips that were sent by the security personnels and played them immediately.

The first one showed Lin Xin disappearing. Lin Huang launched his boundless eyes, and looked far behind from the moment when Lin Xin walked towards the rubbish bin. He kept thinking that he must have missed something, it was impossible for Lin Xin to disappear together with the rubbish bin just like that.

He repeated the video clips three times and finally noticed one tiny unusual part. The girl in ponytails had an Emperor's Heart Ring on her left middle finger when she was throwing the rubbish while there was no ring on her right hand. But after she threw the rubbish, Lin Huang noticed that she flicked her right hand in the blink spot, a ring appeared on her right hand. After watching that part repetitively, Lin Huang confirmed that there was an additional green ring on the girl's right hand. However, as her

hand was moving and the paused screen was blur, Lin Huang could not get a clear look on the ring. He only managed to see that the ring was green.

He contacted Chen Wei immediately. Chen Wei was just looking for Lin Huang, seeing that he called, he picked up immediately. Before he could even say a word, Lin Huang spoke nervously.

"Leader Chen, I've found something. Take a look at the last video clip. When the girl, Lily was throwing the rubbish, there was no ring on her right hand. But when she left, there was a ring on her right middle finger. You should have people who could get a better look of the ring, right?"

Chen Wei played the video clip immediately after he heard what Lin Huang said and fast forwarded to the part where Lily threw rubbish. It was just like what Lin Huang said.

"Xiao Wang, please get a better image of this ring!" Chen Wei paused the video and got a long haired young man to get this done.

The long haired man nodded. He then projected the image with his Emperor's Heart Ring, downloaded the image and started editing. In less than a minute, he produced a clearer image. It was a ring with green precious stone.

"Why does this ring look so familiar?" Chen Wei tried to recall where he saw this ring before.

"Is it done?" The communication device was still on, Lin Huang spoke again.

"I will send it over to you now." Chen Wei took a photo of the image and sent it to Lin Huang.

Lin Huang squinted when he saw the image. He recognized at an instant that the ring with green precious stone was the one on Mr. Wei's finger.

He didn't know how but he was sure that he was the culprit. "Mr. Wei..." Lin Huang called out his name, he was ready to kill.

# Chapter 103: Rescuing Lin Xin

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On the ninth floor of Demonic Crystal Spaceship, room No.321.

Mr. Wei sent Lin Huang and the rest of them away, smiling. After shutting the door, he turned back and looked at Lily. He seemed angry.

Lily knelt on the ground, her body trembling. "Daddy..."

"You are an idiot. You messed up!" Mr. Wei kicked her and she fell.

Lily immediately got up and tried groveling, "Daddy, please don't be mad at me. I know it's my fault..."

"You have been with me for so long. You should know how to handle something so simple!" Mr. Wei kept his hands behind his back.

"Daddy, please don't sell me away..." Tears rolled down her cheeks as she pleaded, "Lily wants to be with daddy forever. Lily wants to serve you..."

"Lily, you are the best among all of my daughters. You're the only one I keep by my side. But today, you have disappointed me..." Mr. Wei's eyes were still cold.

"I know it's my fault. Daddy, please punish me. Please don't sell me away..." Lily's face was full of tears and she quickly took off her clothes. She was so skinny and there were visible scars from her collar-bone to her ankle. These were lash marks, scalds, and scars formed when the skin was cut with a sharp object. There were injuries all over her body...

Mr. Wei gave off a scoff and swung his left hand. The emerald ring on his ring finger released a beam of green light and a green-skinned monster that was two meters long appeared.

The monster looked like a giant green worm and the diameter of its mouth was around one meter. When the giant green worm opened its mouth, it spat out of a girl.

"Please bathe her and send her to my room." Mr. Wei said while taking off his glasses and unbuttoning his shirts.

"Daddy, let me serve you..." Lily looked nervous.

"Lily, do you want me to repeat myself again?" Mr. Wei stopped unbuttoning his shirts and stared at Lily.

Lily lowered his head while carrying Lin Xin and walked towards the bathroom.

Mr. Wei was already naked. He walked to the bedroom after folding his shirts and placed them on the tea table.

In the bathroom, Lily immediately took off Lin Xin's clothes and threw her into the bathtub. She let the cold shower water splash onto Lin Xin's head and Lin Xin regained consciousness at once.

When she saw her naked body in the bathtub and a young naked girl with wounds all over her body, she screamed.

"Who are you? What is happening?!" She reacted immediately.

"My name is Lily. I am my daddy's daughter. My daddy wants you to be his daughter too. That's why you are here." Lily answered.

"Are you crazy? You sound forced." Lin Xin realized that the young girl was rehearsing lines. "Contact my brother, he will save us!"

Just as when Lin Xin was opening the communication page, Lily grabbed her wrist. "Daddy said that you are not allowed to contact anyone!"

"I don't know who your daddy is. Judging by the wounds on your body, He does not seem like a good father. Why is he controlling your life?!" Lin Xin shook the girl's shoulders.

"I want to be with daddy forever. I don't want to leave my daddy!" Lily shouted back.

She was completely brainwashed. Lin Xin won't be able to convince her for now so she tried her best to quickly call Lin

Huang but Lily pulled her hair and her head fell back.

"You are not allowed to call anyone!" Lily knocked Lin Xin's head against the edge of the bathtub.

Lin Xin fainted. At that moment, the door creaked open.

Lin Huang pulled up his feet and walked into the room. When he saw the green worm monster in the room, he finally understood everything.

The worm-like monster, also known as the Formless Worm, could transform into a variety of shapes and sizes. The monster must have transformed into a dustbin and swallowed Lin Xin. Then, it was transformed into a ring and Lily took it away.

Lin Huang frowned. He could not kill the Formless Worm as he would hurt Lin Xin if she was in the worm's body.

"Wei! Show yourself!" Lin Huang yelled, his voice echoed across the room.

Mr. Wei walked out of the room with the bedcovers wrapped around his body.

Lin Huang rushed into the room but Lin Xin was not there.

He turned back and looked at Mr. Wei, "Where is my sister."

"Bro, I don't know what you're talking about." Mr. Wei denied.

"Ask this Formless worm to spit my sister out!" Mr. Wei's facial expression changed.

"I have no idea where your sister is. You're mistaken." Mr. Wei panicked. At normal times, he would definitely choose to report to the security guard and they would come to stop Lin Huang. However, Lin Xin was in the bathroom now. If he were to report to the security guard, they would discover that. He had no choice but to play it cool.

The iron weapon on Lin Huang's hand immediately turned into a saber and Lin Huang grabbed it.

"Stop it. It's the Demonic Crystal Spaceship here." Mr. Wei did not even achieve iron-level rank-1. He knew that he would not be able to defeat Lin Huang.

Lin Huang lifted the saber and Mr. Wei retreated a few steps. He stumbled over the Formless Worm and fell.

Before he could get up, Lin Huang pointed the sword at his neck.

"I said, give me my sister!" Lin Huang was ready to kill.

"I really have no idea what are you talking about." Mr. Wei insisted.



Lin Huang made a cut and a large amount of blood oozed out from the wound. Mr. Wei yelled in pain.

Lin Huang chopped off his left arm.

"My patience is limited. I repeat once again, where is my sister!" Mr. Wei did not expect Lin Huang to be this brutal.

However, he knew that if he were to reveal where Lin Xin was, he would probably die. "I really don't know where your sister is..."

Lin Huang slashed again, chopping Mr. Wei's right arm off.

"I am no fool. I guess there aren't many things left for me to chop off from your body..." Lin Huang cut through the bedcovers covering Mr. Wei's lower body and the tip of his saber moved up along his leg and stopped at the position between his inner thighs.

Mr. Wei felt a chill shooting upwards from his lower body.

"I'll give you three more minutes. Otherwise, this is the next part I will chop off from your body..." His saber's tip pressed slightly and cut the part between his hip, a streak of blood to ooze out from his wound.

"Stop it. She is not in the Formless Worm. She's in the bathroom!" Mr. Wei gave up.

"For your sake, you better be right!" Lin Huang immediately summoned Bai and commanded, "Bai, please check the bathroom."

It was only then that, Mr. Wei knew that Lin Huang was an Imperial Censor.

Bai quickly went to the bathroom. He saw Lily sitting next to the bathtub. Bai directly carried Lin Xin out of the bathtub. Bai wrapped her up in the cloth that was beside her and walked out of the bathroom.

Lin Huang stared fiercely at Mr. Wei when he saw her come out of the bathroom.

"She is fine. Lily brought her to the bathroom to bathe her. We haven't done that yet..." Mr. Wei tried to cook up a lie.

"Whether you have done it or not, you won't be using this anymore!" Lin Huang's blade sliced across his lower body. Mr. Wei yelled in pain, blood oozing out between his legs.

"Go to hell!" Mr. Wei cursed.

"If you are looking for death, I'll help you!" Lin Huang's saber turned into a long, black shadow and he was about to cut through his neck.

A black shadow appeared abruptly at the moment and blocked Lin Huang's fatal attack.

"Mister, why are you so angry? Since you have rescued your sister and he has learned his lesson, what is the point of killing him?" A woman in black dressed held Lin Huang's saber in between her fingers. She was polite.

"Who are you?"

"Mr. Lin, she is our captain."

Chen Wei walked into the room as well. He was relieved when he saw Lin Xin in Bai's arms. "Mr. Lin, you should know that we have our rules. You can't kill anyone on this spaceship. He is severely injured now. Let us handle him. We have checked his background and he is involved in many crimes. He did not even achieve iron-level. The government will keep him behind bars for at least 300 years, enough to keep him until his death."

Lin Huang kept quiet for a moment. He then raised his leg and stepped on the piece of meat that he had just cut off from Mr. Wei's body, instantly turning it into minced meat.

He lifted his saber once again and killed the Formless Worm in front of everyone.

He ignored Xiao Hei's notification regarding the complete set of monster card that he had obtained. He turned back and asked Chen

Wei, "How about the girl with him?"

"The girl is a victim. We will send her for professional psychotherapy to erase her memories and help her start living a normal life again." Chen Wei explained.

Lin Huang did not say anything and walked towards the door, "Bai, let's go."

## Chapter 104: Killing Wei Shan

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The female captain licked her lips as she saw Lin Huang leave the room, "He is quite the character. I like it.

Chen Wei could not sympathize with Lin Huang for what has happened to his sister and him. He felt pity for Mr. Wei instead, as he was rolling on the ground, groaning in pain. He thought in his heart, "Mr. Lin is young but he's a ruthless man."

"Where's Lily?" Chen Wei asked Mr. Wei.

"In the bathroom." The female captain answered.

Chen Wei hurried up to the bathroom. After a short while, Lily came out with a robe on.

"Daddy!"

Just as Lily got out of the bathroom, she wanted to pounce on Mr. Wei but Chen Wei stopped her.

"Lily, he is not your dad. His name is Wei Shan. He is a human trafficker who sells and kidnaps underage girls."

"You have been brainwashed by this rubbish. You don't know his actual identity. You need help." The female captain spoke gently to Lily.

"Pull this guy away. He is an eyesore to me. I'm afraid that I'll accidentally kill him on purpose ." The female captain saw the wounds on Lily's leg and gave a murderous stare at Wei Shan.

Chen Wei immediately instructed two people to carry Wei Shan to the clinic. He would definitely die if he lost any more blood.

The female captain then called a number and said, "Cleaner, please clean up room No.321 on the ninth floor."

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Lin Huang held Lin Xin in his arms and they went back to their room. He put her to bed and slowly, she regained her consciousness.

She felt dizzy as she opened her eyes and held her head tight. She was so happy to see her brother that she pounced on him.

"Brother!"

"Everything is fine. It's fine..." Lin Huang rhythmically patted her back.

Hearing her brother's voice, Lin Xin burst into tears.

Lin Huang did not say anything. He let her cry, her tears and

mucus on his clothes.

After some time, Lin Xin was emotionally stable once again. Her face reddened, she pulled back and said, "I'm sorry, brother. I shouldn't have walked away from you."

"It's not your fault. Don't apologize." Lin Huang rubbed Lin Xin's head "I'll look for a doctor to check up on you."

After a short while, the clinic appointed a female doctor to diagnose her.

"She is fine, she is just frightened. Although she hit her head, there are no signs of a concussion. You can apply a cold pack from time to time and you should be alright in no time."

"Thank you, doctor." Lin Huang was relieved.

After sending away the doctor, Lin Xin sat up and said, "Brother, I'll take a bath and change my clothes."

"Alright. Be careful, the floor is wet." Lin Huang nodded his head.

Lin Huang walked to the balcony and called Chen Wei.

"Mr. Lin, is there anything I can do to help?" Chen Wei answered the call very quickly.

"What time is that fellow getting off the ship?" Lin Huang asked directly.

Chen Wei kept quiet.

"After getting off the ship, what happens to him has nothing to do with you. Are you protecting him?" Lin Huang's sentence was powerful enough.

"Alright. He deserves it. He is getting off at Dongxuan City tomorrow morning at 9.20 a.m. There will be officers from the coalition government waiting for him at the get off point. It won't be easy for you to finish him off." Chen Wei told him the exact time.

"I just need to know the time. I'll plan the rest." Lin Huang was about to hang up when Chen Wei shouted at him.

"Don't hang up yet. Regarding Wei Shan, he has a notorious background. He has gotten away with so many crimes. He has connections with members of the royal family. He is a human trafficker. Many of the girls have become slaves and he has trained them to serve people with special fetishes. If you kill him, many people would lose their supply of women and they will come after you..." Chen Wei said.

"It is important that he dies! His survival will ruin the lives of many young, innocent girls." Lin Huang never wanted to let Wei Shan go. He only left the room because he clearly knew that the female captain who looked like a transcendent was not going to



allow him to kill Wei Shan.

After hanging up, the urge to kill grew stronger.

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Lin Xin ate her breakfast and played Gun Master in her room. This was around 9 in the morning.

Lin Huang arrived at the deck. He was standing somewhere near the spaceship's exit, leaning against the shipboard staring blankly at the clouds below.

When it was about 9.15 a.m., the spaceship began its descent.

Wei Shan was escorted by Chen Wei and another security guard.

His arms had been stitched up. Wei Shan grinned as he saw Lin Huang at the exit. "There is no use standing here. You will not be able to kill me on the spaceship or even after. Sending me to the coalition government is useless too. I'll be out on bail after three days. The only thing you could do is seeing me remain at large..."

Lin Huang kept quiet and took a quick glance at him. He continued looking at Dongxuan City that was getting closer and closer.

Soon, the spaceship landed on one of the plazas in Dongxuan

City. Wei Shan was sent away.

Lin Huang did not follow because he gave up on thinking of ways to kill him.

At the end of the spaceship's exit, by the stairs, both of them handed Wei Shan to officers from the Union Government.

Chen Wei's expression was incredulous.

"You little brat, I've told you before, you can't do anything to me!" Wei Shen turned back and smiled at Lin Huang. "You must remember there is deep enmity between us. One day, I'll sleep with your sister and send you the video..."

"That day will never come!" Lin Huang grinned.

A white-haired young man suddenly appeared behind Wei Shan like a ghost. There were two golden wings extending from his spine, turning into two sharp blades.

One of the blades penetrated through Wei Shan's heart and a gigantic golden hook protruded from his back. He was hanging in the mid-air. The floor was bloody.

Wei Shan had not died yet. He was terrified, lowering his head to look at his chest and bloodied shirt.

The next moment, another golden blade that resembled a long sword penetrated his head from the back of his head, leaving a huge hole in his head.

"Daddy!" Somewhere near the shipboard, someone gave a shrill scream. Lin Huang saw it was Lily.

Lin Huang was not aware that there was a man in the crowd, dressed in a black suit taking photos of Lin Huang using the Emperor's Heart Ring.

After a few shots, he walked out of the crowd and called a number, "Wei Shan has died. The one who killed him was a young man. I've sent you the photos. Check his background and if there is nothing special about him, kill him."

# Chapter 105: Arriving at Xiagong City

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Wei Shan's death was too sudden and the two personnel were not prepared to react in time. They witnessed Wei Shan's death by a vampire and the vampire vanishing after it completed the kill.

Both of them shifted their gaze towards Lin Huang because of the rift between them. However, there was no evidence showing that Lin Huang was the murderer.

While both of them still hesitated, the Demonic Crystal Spaceship took off. They looked at the spaceship helplessly and called their superior.

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"What? He killed him right on the street? Why would Lin Huang do that?" Yi Yeyu received a call from Yi Zheng in the middle of the night. She was furious!

"He was a human trafficker. He threatened Lin Huang's sister on the Demonic Crystal Spaceship..." Yi Zheng told her the whole story.

"He deserves it. Lin Huang did the right thing!" Yi Yeyu would definitely stand by Lin Huang's side.

"The main problem is that there were forces pressuring them, requesting to arrest Lin Huang as soon as the spaceship lands at

Xiagong City." Yi Zheng said.

"I guess only those human traffickers were affected." Yi Yeyu immediately understood what was happening then.

"Yes, these people indeed fueled the situation. However, it's a serious crime to kill someone in the foothold. There is evidence now and the situation has become a lot more complicated." Yi Zheng was having a headache. "What worried me the most is if he were convicted, he might not be imprisoned in the coalition governments but their personal prison? If that happens, it would be better if he was sentenced to death..."

"Brother, if they catch Lin Huang, everything will be ruined!" Yi Yeyu nervously said.

"I have asked some of my friends about this. The issue won't be solved anytime soon." Yi Zheng shook his head.

"I'll seek help from daddy!" Yi Yeyu immediately decided to do so.

"That's the only way if you want to save Lin Huang but the relationship between them and our family would be even worse." Yi Zheng sighed.

"Our relationship was never good. They are hypocrites. Why do we have to maintain a good relationship with them?" Yi Yeyu was obviously upset. "The Yi family used to live with dignity; we don't need them as our allies!"

"But I'm not sure if daddy is willing to help out." Yi Zheng was being realistic.

"I'll ask daddy now."

"It is 12..." Before Yi Zheng could say 12.30, she hung up the call.

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At Division 3, Leng Yuexin received a message while she was on her way back to the hotel to rest. She immediately called back.

A middle-aged man dressed in a blue striped suit appeared in the video call.

"Uncle Li, what happened to Lin Huang?" Leng Yuexin asked nervously.

"You asked me to pay more attention to Lin Huang before you left. I have been following his whereabouts. Yesterday afternoon he killed a person in Dongxuan City on the Demonic Crystal Spaceship. He killed a human trafficker..." Uncle Li, the housekeeper told her.

"Miss Yi, do you want to save him?"

"Yes, of course. Lin Huang has saved my life. Be it right or wrong,

I can't just allow this to happen. He's in grave danger. To me, he's done nothing wrong!" Leng Yuexin explained.

"But if you're going to be involved in this matter, your dad will definitely find out." Uncle Li reminded her.

"Let him, I'll explain to him." Leng Yuexin said without hesitation.

"There is something that I have to tell you. We can meddle in such matters but for matters that they're doing the dark, it'll be..." Uncle Li reminded again.

"Even that is not allowed! Ask Uncle Feng to go there and whoever dares stand in our way, kill them all!" Leng Yuexin interrupted Uncle Li.

"Yes, I understand. I'll do it now." Uncle Li hung up the call.

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Soon, the families who were trying to fuel the situation noticed that the events surrounding what had happened were quite strange.

"Didn't you say that there was no one supporting him? Why did the head of the armed forces from the Yi and Leng families, some of the most powerful families among the six royal families be involved in this issue?"

"It seems like we can't kill him. Otherwise, our relationship with the Yi and Leng families will worsen. We can only kill him quietly..."

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After Wei Shan had been killed, Lin Huang was in a good mood. What he did not realize was that his small act of killing a human trafficker left the royal families in an absolute mess.

Because of this, Lin Huang asked Lin Xin to move into his room. During daytime, she would play games while Lin Huang practiced his skills in the living room.

Lin Xin tried not to disturb her brother after she left the game cabin. Lily was sent to one of the psychotherapy agencies nearby the foothold on the second day of Wei Shan's death.

Three days had passed and everything was peaceful. The female captain and Chen Wei did not ask Lin Huang to pay for the damage he caused on the ship. Lin Huang had accumulated about 110 card pieces of Army Attack Tactics . The time needed to complete one cycle had been shortened from half an hour to 15 minutes.

On the eighth afternoon on board the spaceship, Lin Huang and Lin Xin arrived at Xiagong City.

The female captain had a rather complicated expression when



Lin Huang got off the spaceship. She mumbled, "This fellow was not supposed to have anyone protecting him. Why on earth would the most powerful among the six royal families, the Leng family and the head of the armed forces from the Li family help him?"

Lin Huang knew nothing about this. He checked into their hotel. It was a suite with two rooms. Since the incident, Lin Huang was not going to let Lin Xin out of his sight.

"It is 4.32 p.m. now and it was still too early for dinner. Show me your itinerary for this trip!" Lin Huang said.

Lin Xin showed him the itinerary she planned for their trip and explained the details to Lin Huang.

"Today is the day one at Xiagong City. I estimated that we would arrive at the hotel at 4.30 p.m. Since it's already quite late, we are not going to visit any places today. We are going to look for some good food at a night market, somewhere near the hotel. It's called Xia Street. Some traditional shops sell snacks there..."

# Chapter 106: The Attack at Xia Street

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Xia Street was actually not the name of a street. It was the name for the night market which was located at the center of Xiagong City.

The night market was set in the middle of many crossroads, with more than 10 lanes branching out from it. The lanes were not too wide and they were very crowded at night.

The shops usually opened at five o'clock in the evening and would get livelier after dark.

Lin Huang and Lin Xin were walking from the hotel and they reached the night market at around 6.30 p.m. The sky was getting darker by then.

The hanging red street lanterns were lit up in an impressive Chinese design.

"The lanterns are so pretty!" Lin Xin squealed. It was the first time she saw such a scene and it was something new for her.

"Let's look for some food first and walk around after eating," Lin Huang suggested. Both of them had not had their dinner yet since they were waiting to try the food here.

Lin Huang and Lin Xin were enticed by many of the peculiar things that were there as soon as they arrived at Xia Street. Other

than food, there were many interesting toys and gadgets to fiddle with, and there was even a roadshow performance.

There were a few people in the crowd who shifted their focus to Lin Huang as he walked around. Suddenly, they turned and started walking slowly towards him.

Lin Huang could vaguely sense that something strange was happening. He felt a sinister vibe coming from the people that were surrounding him. However, he could not identify from which direction it was coming from.

He then noticed that there was an apparel store located not far away from them. He pulled Lin Xin in that direction and they ducked into the shop. Almost at the same time as they entered the apparel store, he summoned Bai.

"Brother, what happened?" Lin Xin asked. She was familiar with Bai and she knew when he appeared it meant that Lin Huang was preparing for a fight.

"Nothing happened. Just choosing a shirt for Bai," Lin Huang answered. He then chose a cloak with a cape in the apparel store and put it on Bai's body.

It fit Bai very well and his eye-catching white hair was covered by the cape as well.

"Boss, I'll buy this," Lin Huang said to the shop owner, pointing

at the cloak that Bai was wearing. He then paid for it and headed for the exit.

Bai did not take off the cloak after wearing it. He was completely covered by the cloak and followed Lin Huang and Lin Xin as they walked out of the apparel store.

Despite it being summer time now, there were still many people who dressed oddly in this world. No one noticed Bai wearing a cloak in the heat.

As soon as Lin Huang walked out of the shop, the group of men immediately approached him.

However, there was a beam of green light that flashed in front of them and they all disappeared.

The speed of the green light was so fast that the people around them did not even realize something strange had happened, nor did any of them notice the men had disappeared as well.

"Hmmm? Was it an illusion?" a passerby muttered in confusion from the green lights.

Walking out of the apparel store, Lin Huang felt uncomfortable. The murderous vibe that he sensed earlier had disappeared.

"This guy is quite alert. Although he is only an Iron Hunter, he is capable of sensing the deadly aura exuded by a silver-level

assassin," a middle-aged man thought to himself and grinned, standing in front of a stall nearby. He had waist-length hair and wore a green robe. He was good-looking with an eccentric personality that set him apart from the people around him. Even stranger though, nobody seemed to notice his existence despite him standing there the whole time.

Lin Huang did not let his guard down although the murderous aura that he felt earlier had disappeared. He had been on Lin Xin's left side while Bai escorted her on her right side. Lin Xin walked between them.

"Brother, let's go to that shop!" Lin Xin chirped cheerfully and pointed at a barbeque shop.

"Alright," he said. Many people were already waiting in queue although the shop had just opened.

"I have reviewed this shop's site before and it was said that its signature recipes have been passed down for more than three generations over a span of more than 50 years," Lin Xin told Lin Huang.

"I guess the shop has quite a good reputation as the queue is so long despite it having just opened," Lin Huang replied and nodded his head as he joined the queue with Lin Xin.

Suddenly, Lin Huang frowned right after he joined the queue. He could sense the murderous aura once again.

It was so crowded and still, Lin Huang could not determine which direction the person was coming from. He could only feel the person somewhere very close to him.

He tensed up in preparation for an incoming attack. All of a sudden, the deadly aura disappeared again.

"It is impossible that it is an illusion this time!" Lin Huang thought to himself. He was sure that the murderous aura was really there. However, he had no idea why they suddenly vanished. He had a feeling that the people who intended to kill him were quietly being taken out one at a time.

At a corner of a building not far away from Lin Huang, a man in a suit dialed a number.

"Boss, the second team had been killed. Up to this moment, I have not discovered who the killer is yet..." As soon as the man in suit finished his sentence, a man who was in a green robe appeared in front of him, with a wide grin on his face.

"You are..." the man in suit exclaimed, stunned. Obviously, he could recognize the man in the robe.

"I would like to speak to your boss. You are not qualified enough for me to pay attention yet," the man in green robe said with a wry smile.

"Who is that?" A person with a deep voice asked over the

communication device.

"He is..." the man in the suit stopped talking immediately as a semi-transparent small green wolf appeared out of nowhere and clutched at his throat.

"Let's meet up and you'll know who I am," the green-robed man said calmly once he knew the man on the line was listening.

"Sure. I would like to know who you are, troublemaker." The boss answered after a brief pause.

"Alright. Let's meet at the clock tower. See you," the green-robed vigilante said.

Upon hanging up the call, the semi-transparent small wolf suddenly grew bigger, opening its mouth and it swallowed the man in the suit.

However, people that were about two meters away from them did not notice what had happened and it seemed as if the man in the suit and the green-robed man were hollowmen.

The green-robed man pointed his toe on the ground and transformed into a beam of green light. Soon, he arrived at the clock tower which was located beside Xia Street.

He raised his head, seeing that a man in a black robe was standing at the top of the clock tower. The brim of his hat

shadowed his face and he could not be seen clearly.

"Oh, it's you, Feng Zhuoran," the black-robed man greeted him as he recognized him instantly, and sounded frightened.

"Don't you feel hot wearing that on a summer's day?" Feng Zhuoran asked and smiled cunningly.

"Is the Leng family going to protect this little brat?" The man in black robe ignored his question and asked.

"I'm already here. What do you think?" Feng Zhuoran shrugged his shoulders.

"What's the relationship between him and Leng family?" The black-robed man asked.

"I wanted to ask you too. The ones who have died were just unimportant people. Although, why would a transcendent be appointed to kill an iron-level brat? Does he have a hidden identity?" Feng Zhuoran asked, scratching his chin, confused.

"So, the Leng family would meddle in this issue no matter what?" The black-robed man ignored Feng Zhuoran's question again and asked.

"I have been instructed to kill any assassins!" He immediately activated his skill right as he finished his sentence.



He waved his sleeves and a large pack of green giant wolves appeared out of nowhere and sprang towards the black-robed man.

"Feng Zhuoran, are you trying to start a fight?" The black-robed man yelled at him. A bloody long sword streaked across the sky, making its way through the giant wolves. It then transformed into a beam of crimson light and sped off.

"He fled quickly," Feng Zhuoran mumbled, sounding disappointed. He then waved his sleeves again and the horde of green giant wolves disappeared. He then walked slowly towards Xia Street.

## Chapter 107: The True Identity

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It was almost 10 o'clock at night when Lin Huang and Lin Xin went back to the hotel. Feng Zhuoran was staying at the same hotel too and his room was just next to theirs. However, Lin Huang did not notice him there at all.

When they got back to their room, Lin Xin fell asleep almost immediately. On the other hand, Lin Huang tossed and turned the whole night.

"I felt people are coming at me, twice. It is not an illusion but how could the feeling just disappear? Did someone actually kill them?" Lin Huang could not figure out what had happened. However, he did not know that he was so close to the truth. He would never have thought that it was related to Leng Yuexin who was at Division3 though.

He emptied his mind and still, he could not fall asleep. He opened the Heart Network, surfing the news updates on the web.

One of the recommended local news headlines published on the Heart Network caught Lin Huang's attention.

"Recently, the number of cases involving murder committed in foothold No.7B61, Xiagong City has increased. A series of murders have happened in the last four days alone. The death toll stands at 16 on the first day and the total number of deaths until today is 121. Those who had been killed are ordinary people and those who are of an Iron-level. None of the bronze-levels have been killed yet.

This incident attracted a great deal of the Union Government's attention..." it read.

"It has been four days but the murderer has not been arrested yet..." Lin Huang thought. He had doubted the security system of Xiangong City for quite a while now.

Lin Huang started to feel sleepy when it was almost 12 o'clock. He then closed the Heart Network and fell asleep.

In the next room, Feng Zhuoran was sitting on the sofa and dialed a number.

After a short while, a video popped up in front of him as soon as the call was answered. The person who appeared in the video call was Uncle Li and he was the one talking on the phone with Leng Yuexin the other day.

"Dear housekeeper, good evening!" Feng Zhuoran greeted.

"How's it going?" Housekeeper Li asked.

"It's going quite well, I guess. I have been wearing a mask these days, there shouldn't be any problems," Feng Zhuoran said as he straightened his body, folding both arms across his chest.

"You sound uncertain. Did anything happening?" Li asked as he could read Feng Zhuoran's mind by his body language.

"Yes, something did really happen. They appointed a transcendent to kill him. However, I scared him off," Feng Zhuoran replied.

"They asked a transcendent to kill Lin Huang?" Housekeeper Li said&nbsp;and then frowned. "Did this problem really stem from the guy who died or does Lin Huang have some other secrets that we don't know about?" Housekeeper Li questioned.

"We have checked Lin Huang's background many times now. There shouldn't be any problems. I'm guessing something was wrong with the guy who died," Feng Zhuoran guessed. "I asked the transcendent before but he did not say anything. Seems like he was trying to hide something. The problem is more apparent now," he said.

"I'll try to see if I can get any more information. Thanks for your hard work," Li said and hung up the phone immediately, catching Feng Zhuoran by surprise.

"Housekeeper Li always hangs up the phone so unexpectedly..." Feng Zhuoran said as he looked at the screen turning black all of a sudden.

He dismissed the communication page and started chatting with his friends in his chat groups. It was not necessary for a transcendent to sleep every day. Therefore, he had plenty of time.

At around 1 a.m., Housekeeper Li sent him a message.

"Something is wrong with the guy that Lin Huang killed. His dead body disappeared and all clues linked to this were destroyed," the message read.

Feng Zhuoran frowned as he read the message. He shook his head and sighed, "Lin Huang...Ah, Lin Huang, who you are messing with..."

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A few hours earlier, a crimson light shone into the forest. A black-robed man looked back at the sky behind him and sighed in relief.

"Fortunately he didn't come after me!" He muttered.

He took off his hat, activated the communication page of the Heart Network and dialed a number.

"How's it going?" A voice came from the communication device.

"Failed. Feng Zhuoran from the Leng family was there to protect him. He said that Leng family will intervene in this issue no matter what," the black-robed man said.

"The Leng family..." The guy paused for a moment and said, "Fine, ask them to withdraw the hitmen. It would not benefit us if

things get messy."

"But how are we going to tell Mr. Huang about this?" The black-robed man asked.

"I'll explain to him. Since the one who died was his distant relative, I think our business is more important. He asked for our help since he wanted revenge but we have tried our best. We would pay dearly if things go south..." Zheng Yuan said and hung up the phone.

The Zheng family was just a middle-class royal family in Division 7. They were incomparable to the Leng family. However, he could not offend the other party as well. Things were difficult for him.

After having a video conference with a few other royal families for more than an hour, eventually they had decided to give up on their operations. As the initiator of this operation, he had no choice but to report to Mr. Huang regarding the matter.

In his room, he called his number after he closed all the windows.

The call was answered after it rang several times.

"Tell me.." a voice asked over the line. It was the sound of a man, but his age could not be identified.

"Mr. Huang, our operation to kill Lin Huang was obstructed by

the Leng family..." Zheng Yuan said, and then told him everything that happened.

He kept quiet for a long while and said, "Alright. There is no need for you and the rest of them to do business in Division7 anymore."

He hung up the phone after finishing his sentence. Zheng Yuan was really puzzled.

"What is happening?" Zheng Yuan called back once again but his number had been barred.

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At Division2, in a castle that was beautiful beyond imagination, a 30-year-old woman in a purple dress was patting a skull.

"Shan Er, why didn't you listen to Mummy. You said that you like the little girls and I asked Lao Huang to build such a business for you at Division7. You would have only been in charge of the things that happened behind the scenes and Lao Huang would've taken care of everything else. Then, you wanted to be involved in the business and I asked Lao Huang to create a fake identity for you, saying that you were a distant relative of the royalty in Division7. With them looking after you, you could've been a supplier," the old woman said calmly.

"It's fine that you wanted to be a supplier. You were born with a broken Life Wheel and you can't use your Life Power. You know

that you can't use defensive equipment and relics. You need Lao Huang to protect you all the time. However, you always look for girls when he's not with you and that was what caused this to happen today!" She shouted, suddenly bursting into a rage.

The eyes of the skull glowed with a blue light. Its jaw moved up and down and the voice of a man was heard. If Lin Huang was there, it would definitely have sounded familiar to him. This was because it was Wei Shan's voice, the one he had killed.

"Mum, please help me take my revenge on him! After Lin Huang is killed, cage his spirit and make it into a Corpse Slave!" The skull shouted.

"Shan Er...calm yourself. Of course, we must take revenge but you have to be patient. The Leng family is very influential in Division7 and they are somehow related to Division3. I will attract the attention of Division3 if I get too involved in this issue. I will plan your revenge. You have to stay in this spirit fostering bottle for the next three years. Three years from now, when your spirit has become stable, I will look for the body of an undead species. You can then live on as an undead creature," his mother explained.

"Mum, what's your plan?" The skull asked.

"Bring her in," the woman in the purple dress said and clapped her hands.

A girl with pigtails was brought over by a maid. She looked at the purple-dressed woman in fear.



"Lily!" The skull shouted happily.

"Daddy!" Lily immediately pounced on the skull without fear.

"Lily, your daddy will come back to life in three years, alright? Do you want to help your daddy take revenge on the one who killed him?" The purple-dressed woman smiled, looking at Lily.

"Yes!" Lily nodded his head.

"If you want to, be strong, it will be very difficult. You might even die. Are you afraid of that?" The purple-dressed woman asked the girl, with a smile.

"I'm not afraid at all!" Lily shouted and shook her head.

"Alright, I'll send you to the Phoenix Island for one-year of training. If you are able to survive that, I'll send you to Division 7. Then, you'll have to kill Lin Huang within one month," the lady said. After finishing her sentence, the purple-dressed woman looked at the maid and nodded her head.

The maid left together with Lily. The purple-dressed woman patted the skull again and said, "I guess you'll be happy to have your daughter execute your revenge."

"Mum, you're the one who understands me the most..." The skull

said happily and his voice trembled, "Lily, please don't disappoint Daddy..."

# Chapter 108: Unknown Item

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It was late at night, and the streets were bare under the moonlight. In a quiet alley in Xiagong City, a man in a black robe stabbed a drunk middle-aged man in his chest. The man did not even manage to say anything as he fell straight onto the ground. The man in the black robe pulled out his knife and pressed his hand on the dead body's wound. His clean hand seemed to be covered by a layer of asphalt as a black liquid flowed into the wound.

Awhile later, the man in black robe removed his hand and stood up. He took off his hat and removed the skin from his face that looked like tree bark. His face then transformed to reveal a layer of human skin.

"Ahh!" A lady screamed when she saw the man in the alley. The man in black robe chased after her.

"Help! A monster is killing people!" The lady kept screaming.

After a few moments of chasing the lady, the man in black robe saw somebody approaching so he ran away. A couple of security guards who were doing their rounds blocked his way....

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In the morning, Lin Huang was sitting at the dining table, reading the news on the Heart Network after breakfast. He saw a featured local article so he clicked on it and read it.

"Before dawn today, a security guard of Xiagong City caught a murderer. From the dead body at the location, the murderer seems to be one of the culprits of the recent murder cases in the city. The murderer's identity and the reason for the murder are still unknown and is still under investigation..."

"Brother, what are you reading?" Lin Xin who sat across him asked when she saw him frowning at the news.

"They caught a murderer who committed a recent murder," Lin Huang looked at Lin Xin, and then noticed that her plate was empty.

"Are you full? If you aren't, you can have more," he said to her.

"I'll get some fruits," Lin Xin said and got up to get a plate of fruits.

"Brother, why did you frown at the news just now? Isn't it a good thing that they have caught the murderer?" Lin Xin asked curiously while eating the fruits she got.

"Nothing, I just feel that the murderer is not human but from what the news reported, the culprit they caught was a human," Lin Huang closed the news page. Although he thought the news was strange, he didn't want to dwell on it.

"Maybe they got the wrong guy," Lin Xin mumbled. She trusted

her brother's instincts.

"Let's not talk about this anymore, it has nothing to do with us," Lin Huang said and tossed a red berry into his mouth. "It seems like the safety of Xiagong City is still unstable. We'll explore the city during the day and come back before dark. We'll try to end our trip around four or five o'clock and come back for dinner. Maybe we should stay in at night," he said to Lin Xin.

"Then we would have to change our schedule..." Lin Xin said in disappointment.

"We can spread out the activities. It'll be okay if we take our time to explore the city. You have almost two months of summer break. Excluding our travel time, you'll have at least one and a half months of holiday. There are not that many attractions in the city center. We can finish them even if we extend our trip for just another week. Before the murder cases are solved, it's better that we stay in the hotel at night," Lin Huang explained.

"Alright then..." Lin Xin said, with a pout. Although she was reluctant, she accepted Lin Huang's suggestion as she knew that it was not safe to be out in Xiagong City at night.

The both of them left the hotel after breakfast. Under Lin Xin's guidance, they rode on the Viridian Wolf and arrived at the first attraction in the city center - the Xiagong Museum.

"The Xiagong Museum mainly features items that were excavated from the ruins. Most of them were from the ancient city back in

the olden days. A couple of collections came from the Xiagong Ruins and they're currently the centerpiece of the hall..." Lin Xin explained to Lin Huang.

Lin Huang knew about all the information she was saying as he had read them all up on the Heart Network. Since his sister seemed to enjoy being a tour guide, he listened without interrupting her. He had little interest in museums. When he was on earth, he only had one thought of museums - The items in there cost a bomb! That was why he hardly visited any museums whenever he traveled. However, it was different in this world as there were many interesting things to see. He could learn more about this world by studying the historical items in the museum.

The Xiagong Museum had free entrance admission but identity verification was mandatory. After completing their verification at the entrance, they entered the museum and realized that there were many visitors.

"Hi, are the both of you together?" A young lady in white uniform asked as she approached them. They both nodded in unison.

"If that's the case, I can be your tour guide," she continued.

Lin Huang knew that the tour guides here were a complimentary service but some people preferred to be on their own instead of following a tour guide. He turned to Lin Xin and asked, "Do you want a tour guide?"

"That would be nice..." Lin Xin replied as she looked around at

the collections of artifacts. There were many of them and some of them were not featured on the network.

"We'll have you join us then," Lin Huang said as he nodded at the tour guide.

"Please follow me..." The lady led both of them along to the exhibitions.

Lin Huang had learned a lot from the tour guide. Lin Xin was curious too. She asked a lot of questions and the tour guide managed to give her detailed explanations to each and every one of them. An hour later, they finally made it to the hall. The hall was not that big and was just a little less than 300 square meters. Lin Huang saw the collection that was presented as the centerpiece once he stepped into the hall. The one in the middle caught his eye but made him squint to confirm what he saw. He walked hurriedly to the center and as he approached, his eyes widened in surprise. The both of them saw him and followed.

"What's wrong, brother?" Lin Xin asked Lin Huang curiously.

"Nothing, I'm just curious about these items," Lin Huang suppressed how stunned he really was. He stared at the item in the middle for a very long time.

It was a laptop. It was laid open and placed inside a transparent case. The computer screen was completely shattered and there was a hole in the middle of the keyboard that was the size of a fist. It was burnt on the sides but the keyboard buttons were still intact.

He was stunned as he had never seen a computer or a laptop ever since he came to this world.

"What is this?" Lin Huang could not help but ask the tour guide. It was his first question since he entered the museum.

"These items were excavated from the Xiagong Ruins. Both items on the sides are decorations. As for the one in the middle, the archaeologists have been trying to figure out what it was but none of them know what it is for. Since nobody knows what it is, they called it the unknown item," the tour guide explained, embarrassed that she had no answer to the first question he had asked that day.

"The unknown item..." he mumbled. Hearing the tour guide's answer, Lin Huang could almost confirm that this laptop was brought by another traveler that came into this world.

"It seems like I have to make a trip to the Xiagong Ruins then!" He thought to himself.



# Chapter 109: The Ruins of the Ancients

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Lin Huang had his mind occupied with the Xiagong ruins ever since he saw the laptop at the museum. There were not many changes to their schedule during the trip. He would visit tourist attractions with Lin Xin in the foothold during the day and return to the hotel around four to five o'clock for dinner. After dinner, he would practice Army Attack Tactics until 10 at night. He would then look for information about the Xiagong ruins on the Heart Network before he slept at 12.

Five days had passed without incident. His Army Attack Tactics skill rotation was now only 10 minutes per cycle and he had obtained 228 card pieces. He was close to obtaining 400 card pieces to upgrade to level three. There was not much information about the Xiagong Ruins on the Heart Network and the Hunter Network. All he found out was that the ruins were found more than 300 years ago when Division7 was built. Many experts had conducted some form of research on the ruins and found out that there were many things in the ruins of the palace that were not present in other places. The discoveries include decorations which were different from those that were excavated from other ruins and because of this there were various speculations about these ruins on the Heart Network. Some even speculated that the palace was built by the Gods.

Seeing that they had almost visited all the attractions in the city center, he would finally have the chance to visit the Xiagong Ruins. Lin Huang felt obliged at first but he called Yi Zheng anyway in order to get more information about the ruins. However, after the call was connected, it was cut off after two rings. Soon, Lin Huang received a message.

"I'm in the middle of something, let's talk tomorrow."

Lin Huang raised his eyebrow. He did not want to bother Yi Zheng, so he called Yi Yeyu instead. On the second ring, his call was picked up. Yi Yeyu was wearing a black dress with expensive jewelry on her neck. Hearing the noise in the background, Lin Huang asked, "Where are you and why are you dressed so formally?"

"Nothing much, it's just a gathering," Yi Yeyu shook her head and teased. "So tell me, what kind of trouble did you get yourself into again?" She continued, rolling her eyes mockingly.

"Nothing! Do I look like a troublemaker?" Lin Huang asked.

"You don't look like it, you ARE a troublemaker!" Yi Yeyu shouted as she remembered what Lin Huang had done a few days ago.

Lin Huang did not say anything in response... Yi Yeyu was a member of royalty. It was normal if she had found out what he had done on the spaceship. As he thought about it, he realized that it must have been Yi Yeyu who covered for him as the Union Government did not pursue him after he killed someone.

"They're calling for me. If you have something urgent, say it now," Yi Yeyu muttered firmly. She thought what she had said earlier was rude so she changed the topic to move on.

"I wanted to ask for your help to find out more about the Xiagong Ruins. I couldn't get anything informative with my search restrictions," Lin Huang said, finally telling her his intentions.

"Xiagong Ruins? Many people have excavated the ruins before, why would you want to know more about it?" Yi Yeyu asked as she thought Lin Huang's request was ridiculous.

"I just wanted to know more about it. I will be going there two days from now. The information would be helpful as I'm acting as a guide for my sister," Lin Huang said, cooking up an excuse.

"There are professional tour guides there, I don't understand what's with you wanting to be a know-it-all to your sister. Alright then, I will do what I can for you after the dinner. It might come late at night," Yi Yeyu promised him.

After the phone was disconnected, Lin Huang realized that it was 12. He did not wait for Yi Yeyu's reply and went straight to bed. The next morning, before he got up, he saw a couple of messages on his phone. They were all from Yi Yeyu. She had sent all the information about the Xiagong ruins to him. There were many pages with pictures, so much more than what he managed to find the past few days.

"The Xiagong ruins existed in the ancient epoch, even before the old epoch? The old epoch was 30,000 years ago which meant the time the traveler with the laptop arrived was about 30,000 years ago or possibly even earlier..." Lin Huang frowned at that piece of

information.

"Humans below the level of transcendents cannot live for more than 720 years. The longest a transcendent can live is 1,800 years. Although I have no idea how long a demigod can live, it's not really possible that one could live up to 30,000 years," Lin Huang thought, basically confirming that the transcendent had died many years ago. "About the laptop, the traveler wouldn't bring something that was useless here, that could have been his Goldfinger. Since his Goldfinger was destroyed, his chance of survival would have been really slim..." He concluded.

Lin Huang was disappointed. He always wanted to meet someone who was like him. Although they might not be able to teach him anything, a simple chat would have sufficed to warm his heart to the life he was living in a different world. He then continued to read and found another helpful piece of information. An expert suggested that Xiagong was related to a person called Xia Hao in the Ancient Epoch. There were historical records mentioning a man named Xia Hao that appeared in the Ancient Epoch and he managed to level-up from an ordinary person to a Demigod within a couple of years.

He was called the No.1 Genius during the epoch. However, he disappeared all of a sudden. Some said he was dead while others speculated that he traveled to another world.

After reading that, Lin Huang was sure that if this Xia Hao really existed in the Ancient Epoch, he was the traveler that he was looking for. Only travelers with Goldfingers could level-up to become Demigods within a couple of years.

Yi Yeyu left a message at the end.

"I have tried to look for more information about Xia Hao for you but there isn't much to go on. There is very limited information about the Ancient Epoch, and the restrictions are even tighter. I've sent you all that I've found," she said.

"Thank you, I've received them!" Lin Huang replied Yi Yeyu's messages right after he read them.

"Brother, wake up!" Lin Xin shouted and knocked on his door.

"Alright, I'll be right there," Lin Huang yelled back and then got up from his bed.

They arrived at the hotel restaurant 10 minutes later. After getting food from the buffet, they sat by the window.

"How many attractions have we yet to visit within the city center?" Lin Huang asked as he ate.

"We're only left with one more. It can be done before noon," Lin Xin said and asked Lin Huang right away, "Will we be staying in the city center for another few days or do we go straight to the Xiagong Ruins?"

"We will go to Xiagong Ruins tomorrow morning," Lin Huang

replied as he was in anticipation of what the ruins had to offer too.

# Chapter 110: The Truth about the Murder

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After they were done with the last attraction in Xiagong City, they decided to make their way back to the hotel. It was already one o'clock in the afternoon when Lin Huang and Lin Xin reached the hotel. Just when they got into their room, Lin Huang's Emperor's Heart Ring vibrated. It was Yi Zheng who requested a video call with him. Lin Huang accepted the call.

"Were you looking for me last night?" Yi Zheng asked. He immediately cut to the chase once the call was connected.

"I needed your help to check something but it has been settled now," Lin Huang replied and nodded.

"Oh, I was in the middle of something last night," Yi Zheng explained. "I heard you're in Xiagong City now?" He continued.

"Yea, I'll be visiting the Xiagong Ruins tomorrow," Lin Huang said.

"Xiagong City has been chaotic recently. I'd advise you not to stay there for too long," Yi Zheng warned him.

"You're talking about the murders, right? I'll take note of that," Lin Huang replied. He knew Yi Zheng said that out of sincere concern.

"You don't seem to have a sense of danger. Nevermind, I shall tell

you this then," Yi Zheng said and shook his head.

"The result of the murder case that you were talking about was out this morning but the Union Government has been keeping quiet about it. Seven people who were involved in the murder have been caught in the past few days. They were humans infected by a species of parasites," he said.

Lin Huang frowned and asked, "How is it possible that the parasites passed through the security systems at the city gate undetected?! It would have been possible in a small foothold but Xiangong City is a B-grade large foothold, the security system should be better than that."

"I heard it's a new type of parasite which had never been seen before. Not only that, its parasitic form is different from the rest which cannot be detected by the security systems. Fortunately, such a parasite does not seem to be contagious as the host could not spread the parasite to others just through touch or airborne means so it won't spread all over the place," Yi Zheng explained.

"However, the biggest issue now is that Xiangong City has hired many magicians to remove the parasites, but all have failed. This is the reason why the Union Government refused to announce the truth about the case so that an uproar can be avoided," Yi Zheng told Lin Huang the truth. Lin Huang did not expect that to be the case. "All failed?" he thought.

"Although it will not spread, if the security system still doesn't work, it will cause more parasites to invade Xiangong City..." Lin Huang frowned as he said. He knew how severe the issue was. "Has



the Union Government came up with a plan yet?" he asked.

"There are three strategies that they are implementing right now. One is to strengthen the security system by monitoring the people who enter the city. Secondly, they will be strengthening the security in the city and lastly, they will accelerate research on the new species of parasites to develop an identification method," Yi Zheng said while he shrugged his shoulder.

"That doesn't solve the root problem..." Lin Huang shook his head.

"There's nothing more they can do. Would you want them to tell all the citizens that there's a problem with the city gate's security system and unknown parasites have invaded the city and that there's no way to remove them?" Yi Zheng asked and raised his eyebrows.

"It might work for small footholds, but now that it has happened in a B-grade large foothold, if the news were to spread, who would still trust the Union Government? Perhaps the people would only feel safe if they move to an A-grade foothold," Lin Huang said.

Lin Huang shook his head. He knew that there were no other viable strategies that could be executed right now. The issue would be worse if there was an uproar among the citizens. Emotions were contagious and fear would spread like wildfire. Lin Huang recalled the days when he was on earth. Whenever people heard news about water pollution, many would rush to the supermarket to get clean water. If people heard that there were deaths caused by flu, many would stock up medication such as Radix Isatidis at the

pharmacies. That was the effect spreading fear.

"Don't stay there for too long, it would mean trouble if you were infected by the new species of parasites," Yi Zheng reminded him again.

"I know, thank you for telling me all these. I have something in mind, but I will leave in two days after I have settled it," Lin Huang said and nodded. Hearing such unusual news from Yi Zheng did not prompt him to leave immediately. He saw the laptop left by Xia Hao and he would not leave until he got to the bottom of it.

After the phone was disconnected, Lin Huang had his mind occupied with everything about parasites. Parasites were one of the most hated species by people in this world as most of them could infect humans. Moreover, it would be very unpredictable once they invaded the foothold.

According to the information they had on different species of parasites, they were categorized into five types.

The first one was an invasive species of parasites. The parasite would enter the host body and take control of everything. Those who were highly evolved would even pick up human knowledge as they had amazing intelligence.

The second one would be leech parasites. The parasite would release a massive amount of leech pods and those who were infected would become a host for the parasite. Such parasites could control up to tens of thousands of hosts at once. It was destructive

and were usually done by plant-based parasites.

The third one would be through eggs-laying parasites. The parasite species would lay eggs into the host and use the host as food and shelter for baby parasites to allow the continuation of their offspring. Most insect parasites would usually use this method to propagate their species.

The fourth one would be soul parasites. It was rare as the parasites used a unique way to attach themselves to the host's soul and wipe away his or her consciousness to take over their body. It could even completely inherit the host's memories and continue to live like the host. It was almost impossible to detect.

The fifth type was an uncategorized mutated parasite. Similar to the soul parasite, it was extremely rare. From what Yi Zheng said, this case was possibly caused by invasive parasites or leech parasites. Lin Huang was not afraid of these parasites as invasive parasites could be spotted with the naked eye. As long as he was aware of it, it would not difficult to get rid of them. As for the leech parasites, they could be avoided by putting on some armor. As long as the armor prevented the host from touching the leech pods, the host would be safe.

Lin Huang did not think he would be affected but he frowned when he thought of Lin Xin, "Xiagong City isn't safe now, it would be worse at the ruins. It seems like I shouldn't bring Lin Xin along then," he thought. After some hesitation, he knocked on Lin Xin's door and told her the news that Yi Zheng told him. Lin Xin was shocked.

"Brother, let's leave Xiagong City tomorrow morning then," she mumbled.

"I still have to drop by the ruins to settle some stuff," Lin Huang told her. He had come up with an arrangement for Lin Xin, "Bai will stay here to protect you. Try not to head out when I'm not here. Order room service if you're hungry and get Bai to open the door for you," he instructed.

"This is for you, didn't you always want this?" Lin Huang said while he handed her the GrayEagle17 with a couple boxes of ammunition. He did not need that gun anymore.

"What about you?" Lin Xin asked.

"I have a BlackEagle33 and a monster that can fly, if I encounter any danger, I will run away, don't worry," Lin Huang smiled and explained.

"Must you go?" Lin Xin was still worried that something might happen to Lin Huang.

"It's quite important, I have to," Lin Huang nodded in all seriousness.

# Chapter 111: Arriving In Xiaoxia City

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The weather was good in Xiagong City the next morning. Lin Huang had just got up, he received a notification from the Union Government.

"The murder cases that happened in foothold No.7B61 has recently have been identified. The culprits were offenders with mental illnesses who escaped from Xiagong Prison. There were 15 of them who escaped. We have managed to capture 12 of them and we are still hunting down the remaining three. Please stay calm, thank you."

"To prevent the offenders from escaping from the city, we're tightening the security at the four gates in the city. Please do comply. We will be increasing the patrol rounds in the city and you are prohibited to stay out after eight at night. If you must head out at night, please apply for a permit with the local government before five in the afternoon..."

"They've really covered up the truth!" Lin Huang thought with his eyebrows raised in surprise. The notification from the Union Government showed how severe the issue was.

After breakfast with Lin Xin, Lin Huang rode on his Viridian Wolf to the west gate. Lin Xin sent him off and went back to the hotel room with Bai. When he arrived at the west gate, there was a long queue for both entry and exit due to the screening processes done by the city soldiers. Lin Huang felt obliged but there was nothing he could do. He recalled the Viridian Wolf and queued along with everyone else. He had left the hotel right after breakfast

and it was almost 10 when he got out of the gate. He did not have any time to waste for this gross cover-up of an inspection by the government. He then summoned the Alexandrian Eagle and arrived at Xiaoxia City in less than 10 minutes.

Xiaoxia City was a D-grade small foothold. Theoretically, there should not be any footholds between a B-grade foothold like Xiagong City which was merely 80 kilometers away as building a foothold required massive resources. Having a foothold at such a short distance was a waste of resources. However, due to the existence of the Xiagong Ruins, the Union Government decided to build an exclusive foothold just for the ruins. The main reason for the foothold was not merely for developing tourism but also for archaeological purposes.

Before Xiaoxia City was built, the Xiagong Ruins were surrounded by a wild zone. The archeologists who stayed there long-term would be regularly attacked by monsters. It was inconvenient for them to get supplies as they had to travel 80 kilometers away whenever they needed them. That was the reason why the Union Government decided to spend money on building a small foothold surrounding the Xiagong ruins, which was now known as Xiaoxia City. Later on, more and more archeologists left as most of the items in the ruins were already excavated. The Union Government thought it would be a waste to let the foothold be left abandoned so it was developed into a tourist spot.

The Xiagong ruins had a mysterious aura on its own. Together with the tourism publicity, it was now a hot tourist attraction. As more people were visiting the ruins and due to its geological advances being so close to Xiagong City, many moved to the city permanently. With the supportive strategies the Union

Government had come up with, the small foothold continued to strive.

Entering Xiaoxia City, Lin Huang thought he was in the wrong place as the people in this D-grade foothold was similar to those in the C-grade Baqi City. He was not sure if it were the attractions that brought the tourists or was it its vicinity with Xiagong City. Once he was in Xiaoxia City, Lin Huang summoned the Viridian Wolf and entered the coordinates into his ring. They arrived at the Xiagong Ruins in a blink of an eye.

The hotel that he booked for the first night was less than one kilometer from the south gate of Xiagong Ruins. Following the map, Lin Huang found the location of the hotel. He realized that Xiaoxia City was not small at all. It was almost five times the size of Wulin Town and one-third the size of Baqi City. It was not even 10:30 a.m. when he arrived at the hotel. He thought he was too early to check it out but he then found that he was allowed to check in early at the reception itself.

The hotel was a small antique building with five floors and it had no elevator. After checking in, Lin Huang walked up the wooden stairs to his room. The stairs were old and they creaked loudly but it was clean. Lin Huang's room was on the fifth floor in Room 505. He noticed that there were only five rooms on each floor. Excluding the first floor, there were only 20 rooms in this hotel.

"Is this an off-season period?" Lin Huang thought. It seemed strange to him as it was summer break, he assumed there would be many tourists. It was odd that this hotel which was in such great location and such limited rooms was not fully booked.

He entered the room and looked around. It was quiet and pleasant considering its age. He was satisfied with his room. It had a city view and the Xiagong Ruins could be seen from the balcony. The ruins were underground and there were no tall buildings around it. Lin Huang could see a portion of the ruins that were not covered when he stood on the balcony. After taking the moment in, Lin Huang headed out and bumped into a young couple who was staying next to his room. He headed to the first floor and saw a plump middle-aged man who was the hotel owner at the reception.

He greeted the man, "Boss, is it the offpeak season now?"

"It's summer break now and people who visit here would usually visit Xiagong City for a few days before coming here, so business is slow. You are here early so there are still rooms available. It would be hard to get any rooms if you come three to five days from now," the hotel owner smiled as he explained.

"Is that so..." Lin Huang thought there was some other reason that this hotel had slow business, but after the owner explained, he thought it made sense.

"Boss, I see that this hotel has been here for long. You must have been in Xiaoxia City for a long time now?" Lin Huang asked.

"I have been here for more than 20 years and this hotel has been up and running for 18 of those years," the hotel owner said proudly and nodded.



"Do you have any tales about the Xiagong Ruins that we outsiders haven't heard of?" Lin Huang asked, "I would like to hear about them if you know any," he continued, politely.

"The Xiagong Ruins have always been a mysterious place and there are not many tales about it. However, since I've been here for so long, I have heard of one that you might like. If you're interested, you can treat it as a story, but don't take it too seriously, young man," the owner said.

Lin Huang nodded as the hotel owner began to tell him the story.

"During ancient times, there was a powerful man named Xia Huang. He built an empire and the ruins were his palace. He ruled over billions of people and he was loved. One day, a disaster struck. Nobody knew what had happened and the entire empire disappeared overnight like it never existed... However, no one knew if the Xiagong Ruins were really the legendary palace that disappeared," the owner said in a low voice.

Lin Huang was quiet as he heard the story from the owner. He nodded in satisfaction and said, "I've never heard of this story before, do you have more?"

"That's all I know. The rest were just rumors on the Heart Network," the hotel owner waved his hands while shaking his head.

"Alright then, I'm heading to the ruins now. Thank you, boss!" Lin Huang said and left the hotel. He then headed to the south gate

of the ruins which was not far away.

## Chapter 112: Xiao Hei's Discovery

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Although the Xiagong ruins were a popular attraction in Division7, the admission was free. There was only one entrance to the ruins which was through the south gate. There, visitors would have to scan their identity at the entrance before entering. He was told by the hotel owner that it was the off-peak season but there were many people queuing at the entrance. It took Lin Huang more than half an hour to through it.

A lady in red uniform approached him once he entered the ruins, "Sir, do you need a tour guide?"

"I'm sorry, I'm just looking around." Lin Huang waved his hand as he declined. He was not here as a tourist but instead, he was looking for clues left by Xia Hao so naturally, he did not need a tour guide for that. He followed the crowd, walked 100 meters down the stairs and arrived at the ruins. It was a building that was similar to the ancient city gates with three doors in the middle.

Lin Huang was listening to a tour guide talking to the visitors, "Do not be fooled by these three doors, there are actually two hidden doors on the sides. This is the first palace that has such a structure. The experts who joined the excavations said that Xiagong could be the only one..."

The building was a complete replica of the Meridian Gate of the Forbidden City on earth but bigger. There was a sign on the entrance that said 'Heaven's Gate'. Lin Huang was sure that this Xiagong was related to Xia Hao.

After passing through the entrance, there was a drain not far away with five small bridges on top. There was a huge palace door that looked like the main passage taken by the ministers in those Qing dynasty dramas. On top of the palace door, the sign read ‘Earth’s Gate’. Ahead, there was a glorious hall with a sign that said ‘Xia Hall’. Lin Huang knew the majestic hall should be the main hall and proceeded to go in.

Once he entered the hall, the cracks in the ground caught his attention. The tour guide explained the cracks.

"The cracks on the ground were the result of something powerful stomping on it because it was made of sea rocks, something even a transcendent would not be able to crack..."

"Now, look at the roof. There was a hole; about a meter wide but archeologists restored it. Now, it looked no different from the original roof. This was the only damage throughout the entire ruin while the rest was in good condition..."

"It seemed like something may have dropped from the roof or maybe he sensed an attack coming his way so he escaped this way..." Lin Huang looked up as he thought of the possible scenarios.

Suddenly, he heard a notification from Xiao Hei.

"Unusual energy wave detected underground. You can collect the energy to obtain new functions!"

"Are you sure?" It was Lin Huang's first time hearing Xiao Hei asking him to obtain something.

"Confirmed! According to the detection, the unusual energy was the remaining energy from a destroyed Goldfinger belonging to someone else. You can absorb the energy to strengthen your Goldfinger."

"Is it below where I'm standing?" Lin Huang asked.

"Yes, it's about 3,000 meters below where you are standing."

"Alright, I'll need to plan this properly, I'm heading back now." Since he had identified what he wanted, he did not want to stay any longer. He needed to plan how he was going to get it from the ground below him.

It was one o'clock in the afternoon after he got back to the hotel from Xiagong ruins. Lin Huang got back to his room and locked his door. He talked to Xiao Hei again.

"Xiao Hei, aside from the unusual energy you spoke about, what else is there underground?"

"From the waves detected, there's a mutated monster that went through two mutations as it upgraded to silver-level."

"What kind of monster is that?" Lin Huang asked.

"Unidentifiable."

"Mutated twice? The only monster I have that could fight it would be Charcoal..." Lin Huang frowned. "How is the environment down there? Is it big enough for Charcoal to perform?"

"Sufficient, it's spacious down there."

"I'll try to get Charcoal to fight it then." Lin Huang was confident with Charcoal's ability since it also went through mutation twice. No matter what, Charcoal was a true dragonkin.

He then checked the cards that he had and realized that he did not have any Transformation Cards anymore.

"I almost forgot that I've used all of my Transformation Cards last time. I don't have any more to transform myself into the Specter and dive underground. Lin Huang did not know what to do.

"Xiao Hei, think of a plan!"

"You can trade for a Specific Transformation Card at the card pieces mall."

"A Specific Transformation Card?" Lin Huang was stunned, "Do I

have enough card pieces?"

"The card pieces required are the same as when you're trading for a particular monster card. The Specter that you own is a common bronze-level rank-1 card so you will need 60 bronze-level card pieces."

"Special notification: The effective duration of the Specific Transformation Card is only one hour."

"To be safe, I'll get five of them!" Two transformation cards would be sufficient for the two-way trip but Lin Huang was concerned so he got more than he needed.

"Consuming bronze-level card pieces x300, you have received Specter Specific Transformation Card x5."

"There are too many people at the Xiagong ruins. I'll do it when it's later at night." Lin Huang did not want to be discovered when he transformed himself into the Specter or he may be captured for research. The ruins were open until 10 at night, Lin Huang planned to go around 9:30 and stay there until everyone left before he carried out his plan.

He decided to take a nap. He woke up at six o'clock, had dinner and stayed in his room while waiting for the night to come. When it was almost 8:30, he heard a squeaking sound from the bed next door and screams from a woman followed. The soundproofing of rooms was poor. He shook his head and proceeded to read the news.

When it was nine o'clock, the squeaking bed stopped but the lady screamed again. Lin Huang wanted to check it out but he thought he might be overthinking. He thought for awhile and sat down again. There was complete silence next door. Soon, he heard footsteps in the corridor approaching his room. He was staying in Room 505, the last room on the left. People should not be walking to his room. He took out his BlackEagle33 and aimed at the door...



# Chapter 113: Attack By The Parasites

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The sound of footsteps stopped right in front of Lin Huang's door.

Lin Huang frowned. He pointed his gun at the door and prepared himself for a battle.

After a moment of silence, a loud knock at the door was heard.

"Who are you?" Lin Huang asked.

"Hello, it's me," said the voice of the boss of the hotel.

Lin Huang was relieved. Soon, he asked, still a little doubtful, "Boss, what's up?"

"You asked me about the story of the Xiagong Ruins this afternoon. I recalled something and I guess you might not have heard before," the boss said.

Lin Huang frowned. It was almost nine o'clock at night. It felt peculiar and he wondered why the boss would come to his room and talk about this at this hour.

"Let's talk about it tomorrow. I'm heading off to bed now," Lin Huang simply answered but he did not let his guard down.

There was complete silence outside the door.

No response from the boss was heard and the sound of footsteps were not present as well.

Just as he wondered what was happening, a sound was heard from the balcony. Lin Huang turned his head and he saw the man in the room next door climbing into his room.

He was naked, holding a short knife stained with blood. He kicked the glass door in and pounced on Lin Huang.

Lin Huang pointed his gun at the head of the young man and pulled the trigger without a moments hesitation.

The Life Power bullet was fired out of the gun, penetrating through the head of the man who was holding the knife. Blood splattered out of his head and the dead body collapsed instantly.

Lin Huang then heard someone unlocking the door with a key. He kept quiet and again, he pointed his gun at the door.

After a short while, the door was opened and the hotel boss entered the room. He was shocked when he saw a dead body inside the room.

"Freeze. Otherwise, I will just shoot you. In my defence, I will say you are the host of the parasites!" Lin Huang shouted and stared coldly at the hotel owner. "Now, answer whatever I'm asked, or

you're dead. What brings you here at this hour?"

The hotel boss then shifted his gaze from the dead body to Lin Huang, a wry smile on his face and said, "Master told me that he could sense something in your body and he wants it. He asked us to kill you and bring your dead body to him..."

After finishing his sentence, about 10 people hiding at the corridor rushed into Lin Huang's room, and attempted to pounce on him.

Lin Huang turned back and ran towards the balcony. He took a leap and summoned the Alexandrian Eagle.

The Alexandrian Eagle fluttered its wings, grabbed Lin Huang mid-flight and flew off into the sky.

Lin Huang frowned as he looked below.

"Why are there so many parasite hosts here?!" He thought in a panic.

As he looked down and more than 10 of them were on the balcony of his room. They were staring at him, emitting inhumanly loud roars. He then looked further and saw that there were more than 100 of them outside the hotel running towards him.

Despite knowing that they would not be able to catch him in the air, they still chased after him, extending their hands towards the

sky and screaming.

Lin Huang suddenly thought of what the hotel boss told him just now. The master that he mentioned should be the master parasite. "The parasites control the hosts and used them to attack me because I have something in my body that it wants..." He thought.

"Xiao Hei, when you sensed the unusual energy in the ruins, could it be possible that the source of the unusual energy sensed your existence too?" Lin Huang recalled what happened in the Xiagong Ruins.

"It is indeed possible that it could sense my existence," Xiao Hei replied.

"That being said, if you wanted to seize its energy, it would probably want to grab yours too?" Lin Huang suddenly felt that the fight Goldfinger encountered was quite intense too.

"It can't seize my energy. However, my Will can be replaced and I'd become a new Goldfinger provided that it's strong enough," Xiao Hei explained.

"Yes, I understand. Basically, it can be said that the underground monster that possesses the unusual energy is a parasite. The parasites were probably triggered by the unusual energy and that was why it would order hosts under its control to attack me," Lin Huang concluded as he finally knew what was happening.

Lin Huang immediately called the Hunter Association, seeing hundreds of people were roaring after him as he looked down below.

"Hi, may I help you?" the operator's voice was heard.

"Listen carefully. Somewhere near the south gate of Xiaoxia City, there are hundreds of infected humans enslaved to the parasites. Please send some backup to round them up immediately to prevent more serious problems from happening. You can track my location and I'll be right here waiting for you," he told the operator.

Lin Huang did not want to kill them. If the hosts did not carry the parasites within them longer than a certain period of time, the parasites inside the human body could still be killed. Basically, they were still human but were just being controlled. It would be best if they were passed to the Hunter Association as they would handle it without casualties.

Lin Huang did not recall the Alexandrian Eagle as well. He knew that once he left the place, the hosts would lose their target and disappear. Then, it would be difficult to catch them.

Aside from the hosts, some of the people noticed Lin Huang hovering mid-air and started approaching him.

Lin Huang frowned and shouted at them, "Are there any hunters there? Please help control the crowd. Don't let ordinary people come over here!"

Some of the hunters noticed that the number of infected was abnormally large. They dared not go near them too, but they could carry out the order, ensuring that the ordinary people did not go near them.

Despite Lin Huang being the primary target of the infected, ordinary people would become their targets as well if they were too close to them.

After less than 10 minutes, the hunters of Xiaoxia City arrived.

The crowd dispersed quickly and the hunters began to catch the infected.

Including the boss of the hotel, they caught hundreds of the infected within five minutes.

Lin Huang ran into the crowd when the hunters were busy and entered the Xiagong Ruins once again.

The first thing he did as soon as he entered the ruins was to use the Form Changer to change the look of his face

Form Changer was the skill he obtained when he killed the Formless Worm. It was also the 10th monster skill that he obtained.

He decided to change the look of his face because he was not sure that if there were any other hosts in the ruins. The previous hosts

had seen his face. Therefore, he could be easily recognized if he entered the ruins as himself.

"You have troubled me and now, it's my turn to bring the trouble to you!" Lin Huang grinned, heading deep into the ruins...

# Chapter 114: The Terrifying Parasite Species

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It was 9.20 p.m. Lin Huang arrived at the Xia Temple in the Xia Palace ruins earlier than he expected.

Looking at the monitoring system which did not have a blind spot on either side and the huge crowd, he could not attack. He looked around, waited patiently for a chance.

When it was almost 9.50 p.m., a sound was heard from the speakers at each of the exhibition halls at the same time.

"Attention visitors... The Xia Palace ruins operates from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. We'll be closing in just a moment. You may now leave the exhibition hall in an orderly fashion. Please don't stay after the exhibition hall closes. We'll have our cleaning staff to clean up the hall later... We hope you visit us again soon! Thank you for your cooperation, and we hope you have a good evening," the announcer said.

Visitors were not allowed to enter the Xia Palace ruins after 9.30 p.m. Despite saying that the operating hours were only until 10 p.m., it was usually closed after 10.30 p.m. They would usually inform the visitors to leave 40 minutes in advance.

Listening to the announcement, Lin Huang immediately hid in the toilet.

Slightly after 10 p.m., there was almost no one at the Xia Temple ruins and the security staff began to sweep the venue for any



hiding stragglers.

Although, it was strange that the security staff did not check any of the other places. Instead, they headed directly towards the toilet where Lin Huang was hiding.

Their footsteps became more audible in the empty exhibition hall.

Lin Huang could hear it when they were still quite a distance from where he was. He immediately used the Specific Transformation Card, transforming into a ghostly form and passed through the wall next to him.

"You don't have to hide anymore. Your transformation might fool our eyes but our master can still sense you!" A bearded man said; he was the leader of the crowd. The crowd had now stationed itself in front of the cubicle nearest to the toilet.

Suddenly, there was a loud bang! They kicked down the door of the cubicle. They were all stunned as nobody was inside the cubicle.

The security staff exchanged glances with each other and asked, "Why is no one here?"

"Check the other cubicles now!" the bearded man bellowed the order loudly.

They kicked down the rest of the doors and still, there were no traces of Lin Huang anywhere.

"Could it be possible that our Master...made a mistake?" They looked for Lin Huang again in the small toilet and left helplessly.

"I can't believe that Form Changer didn't work. Luckily I have the Specific Transformation Cards with me," Lin Huang said with a nervous smile. He slowly emerged from the wall and patted his chest in relief.

He stole a glance and realized that the people had left. Then, he came down to the ground with his ghostly form and headed towards the direction of the parasites.

After about five minutes, Lin Huang finally arrived at the entrance of an underground cave.

The underground cave did not look much like a karst [1] cave. It looked like a fault space that was formed due to movements in the fault-blocks instead.

The area was in pitch black darkness. Thanks to Lin Huang's Boundless Vision , he was able to see without difficulty even under such circumstances.

Since he was now at the base of the toilet, he could not determine which direction to proceed. He then asked Xiao Hei for help.

"Xiao Hei, which direction is the unusual energy coming from?"

"It's coming from the two o'clock direction," Xiao Hei responded.

"Wait, I guess it will not be able to sense my existence in this form. But it should be able to sense yours, right?" Lin Huang asked.

"It's only residual energy so the strength of its Will and abilities are limited. I've shielded my energy waves so it would not notice me beyond a distance of 100 meters," Xiao Hei said.

"Clever!" Lin Huang said and gave it a thumbs-up.

"Thank you for your compliment but I think you're not qualified to use that term yourself, yet." Xiao Hei replied coldly.

"Damn! I rarely compliment you and you're saying that I have low intellect? Do you believe that I'll be stupid enough to turn back to Xiagong City now?" Lin Huang questioned Goldfinger.

"Do you believe that I'll now activate all the remaining mission cards that you have?" Xiao Hei threatened in response.

"... Just great." Lin Huang said in defeat. He had no choice but to agree with it. He could still remember those days when he had to accomplish tasks from mission cards. He had said earlier that he wanted to activate the last mission card that he had. However, he had been busy practicing his Life Skills and had forgotten about it.

"When I return to Wulin Town, I'll use the mission card immediately!" Lin Huang said confidently. He was determined this time. However, he would always get difficult tasks when he activated mission cards at the last minute. He was afraid of mission cards now, and Xiao Hei knew his weakness.

Following Xiao Hei's direction, Lin Huang discovered the unusual energy that Xiao Hei mentioned after a few turns. There was a giant net of vines surrounding the unusual energy.

The energy source was a big, spherical, energy-based object with a diameter of about 10 meters and released a dazzling white light like a mini sun.

The light shone on Lin Huang's body and made him feel like his Life Power rotations became smoother. Apparently, such an energy had positive effects on human as well as the monsters. Otherwise, the vine-like monster would not entangle itself with the glowing sphere.

Lin Huang had never seen the vine-like monster in his monster guide before.

It had a blood-colored surface and each vine was roughly the circumference of an adults' arm. However, Lin Huang could not estimate how long its length was.

It looked like a bloody giant python had tangled itself around the glowing object as if it was guarding it and the treasure belonged to

itself.

Lin Huang noticed that there was a purple bloom on vines every 10 centimeters.

They looked like dandelions which were a little fuzzy. However, they were even smaller and purple in color.

The flowers were beautiful but Lin Huang frowned as he saw them.

He recognized the flowers. It was actually a cluster of parasites. Each flower contained at least a hundred leech pods and he could now see that there were more than a hundred purple flowers here.

"Only a bronze-level and it could take over tens of thousands of people, turning them into hosts for parasites. If it were upgraded to a transcendent, a B-grade foothold like Xiagong City would be destroyed..." Lin Huang thought, and shuddered.

Looking at the leech pods that were floating around in the air, he noticed them gradually float up towards a crack high up in the cavern. Lin Huang finally knew how the monster transported the parasites to the surface, infecting the people of Xiaoxia City with parasites.

Despite Xiaoxia City being only a D-grade foothold, there was still a detection system at the entrance of the foothold. The parasites could hardly enter the foothold.

Furthermore, this species was living underneath the Xiagong Ruins. Since it was at the center of Xiaoxia City, the dispersal of the leech pods was way too easy. These seeds could be transported to the ground at the Xiagong Ruins through the cracks. Despite the opening being tiny, the leech pods were completely made of Life Power and under the control of their master, changing their form and path would not be a problem. The leech pods could be spread no matter how small the crack was.

The Xiagong Ruins was so crowded during the daytime. It was a piece of cake for the parasites to live inside a host of its choice.

Moreover, this species of parasites had never appeared before and it was a new species of parasites. It could not be detected with the devices they had now. Even if the leech pods were to leave the ruins of Xiagong together with the host, it would not stop at the exits. Also, it could be dispersed out of the Xiagong Ruins along with the winds...

Lin Huang was terrified as he thought of all the possibilities and consequences. If these parasites were given sufficient time, perhaps all the citizens in Xiagong City would be infected.

"We definitely can't have these parasites control the city!" Lin Huang said to Xiao Hei.

Upon closer observation of the surroundings, Lin Huang did not waste any more time and summoned Charcoal. Charcoal immediately pounced on the giant python-like vine.

# Chapter 115: The Parasite Species Has Gone Insane

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Charcoal flapped its wings, propelling its huge body up to the upper spaces of the cave. Charcoal then darted down on the blood-colored vine with claws extended and a deafening roar.

As soon as the roar was heard, the blood-colored vine trembled a little in what seemed like fear. Soon, it entered a defensive state.

It resembled a lair infested with giant pythons. It was unwilling to let go of the energy sphere at all cost.

"Both of them are bronze-level rank-3's and have mutated twice but, Charcoal as a dragonkin will probably be a lot stronger than the parasites!" Lin Huang thought. He was confident of Charcoal's abilities.

As Charcoal flapped its wings and stopped mid-air upon its descent, it spat its Black Dragon Flames towards the vines.

Right when the vine was tainted by dragonflame, the body of the blood-colored vine turned black. It then growled from the pain it suffered and began rolling on the ground.

"Did the dragonflame just work?!" Lin Huang's eyes brightened as the parasite seemed to be pinned down by Charcoal.

Fire element monsters were the natural enemies of most plant-based monsters, let alone a dragonkin who could spit dragon flames.

Soon, he noticed that the burned, black patches on the blood-colored vine were slowly recovering on its own. It had completely recovered at a speed that was visible to the naked eye. Lin Huang frowned.

"This monster has an abnormally fast ability to heal..." He thought.

The parasite species was completely pinned down by Charcoal at first as the dragonflame hurt it quite significantly, causing it great pain. Moreover, black scars were left on the surface of the monster even after it healed. The vine was afraid of Charcoal but was not actually injured by it.

However, as soon as the wounds had recovered, it seemed to have realized that Charcoal could do it no harm and it had become more courageous.

Charcoal had been attacking it all the while and now it was about to counterattack.

Its attack pattern was the same, as he expected. It was trying to use its vines to hit and trap Charcoal in any way it could. Charcoal easily dodged its attacks and it was not a threat at all.



Both of them entered a stalemate; Charcoal could not cause any significant damage and the defense of the blood-colored vine rendered Charcoal's attacks useless as well. However, it had no means of retreating at all.

"If this continues, I wonder how long they would have to fight to know the results of this battle," Lin Huang thought. He frowned, looking at the battle between them. However, he did not help to attack.

The reason why Lin Huang did not attack the vine was simple. Since Charcoal's ability was not able to hurt the parasite at all, Lin Huang's attack would not have any effect on it as well.

He clearly knew that once he was involved in the fight, he would instantly become the target of the parasite. If this many leech pods were released in such an enclosed space, he would have nowhere to hide. The attack would definitely hit and infect him.

Fortunately, it seemed that the parasite species did not notice the presence of Lin Huang. It did not care so much as it had to defend itself against Charcoal.

Despite Charcoal attacking the vine nonstop, the parasite did not seem to intend on leaving the place at all and insisted on guarding the spherical energy object.

Soon, half an hour had passed. Lin Huang had reached the time limit set for the transformation. His body appeared on the ground in human form.

At that moment, Xiao Hei's voice was heard.

"We have been discovered," it said.

"How could it be? Didn't you say that we will not be discovered as long as we are 100 meters away from them?" Lin Huang asked as he felt it was strange that Xiao Hei could have been mistaken.

"It's not my problem. Your aura is dissipating," Goldfinger said to him.

Lin Huang then realized that when he appeared in his Specter form earlier, he would exude a different kind of aura. However, the effect of the Specific Transformation Card could only last for an hour. After that, his body would automatically give off his aura.

The blood-colored vine that was fighting with Charcoal seemed to have sensed Lin Huang's existence too. It became ferocious and its counterattack became more intense.

At the same time, the purple flowers began to leave its body, hundreds of leech pods were dispersed in all directions.

Seeing this to happen, Lin Huang crushed the Specific Transformation Card immediately, transforming himself into the Specter and hid behind one of the giant rocks. He was not sure if transforming into the Specter would have any effect on the leech pods but he was not going to push his luck.

The entire space was covered with leech pods in less than a minute and they did not leave any corners empty.

Lin Huang was not worried about Charcoal as the dragonkin had various types of immunities on its own. Even if it were to become a host, it could be recalled, turning it back into a card. He could figure out ways to resolve it later.

Indeed, Charcoal was not distracted by the leech pods at all. Despite many of them getting attached to its body, they could not penetrate through its scales.

Lin Huang's aura disappeared instantly causing the blood-colored vine to be even more furious. The leech pods were like its eyes. They covered almost the entire area and still, they found no trace of Lin Huang.

The blood-colored vine could vaguely sense the Will given off by the spherical energy object, knowing that the energy sphere wanted to own something on Lin Huang's body with great eagerness. The blood-colored vine had always been grateful to the glowing orb and wanted to satisfy it.

It was originally a vine seed that was as small as a sesame seed and it flew into this place unintentionally. It fell on the ground somewhere near the energy orb. In less than a month, it grew into a monster with self-conscious awareness in addition to becoming a monster that had mutated twice. All these were thanks to the energy sphere.

Not only did it treat the energy sphere as a precious treasure, the blood-colored vine treated it like family, something it could count on.

This was the reason why despite encountering Charcoal - a strong opponent, it did not retreat and insisted on fighting tooth and nail until the end.

However, the human that the energy sphere needed had disappeared making it very angry.

The blood-colored vine had only one target now. However, the target's ability was way stronger than the blood-colored vine. It would be impossible for the vine to win the battle. This had triggered its urge to become even stronger.

Once the blood-colored vine thought of this, the leech pods instantly reacted to its thoughts. The leech pods that had completed their infection in the outside world started to absorb the Life Light of the body of the host.

This Life Light was then transfused into the blood-colored vine body through the air. Slowly, it was getting stronger.

The people at Xiaoxia City had no idea what was happening underground.

The infected people, including the hosts that were caught by the

hunters began to faint due to the drastic drain on their Life Light.

Soon, Charcoal who was in the battle with blood-colored vine noticed the changes. The aura of the blood-colored vine that was originally bronze-level rank-3 was rising quickly and it was very close to silver-level.

Charcoal knew that it had to speed up the frequency of its attacks urgently. It tried to interrupt the blood-colored vine's upgrade to silver-level.

However, the blood-colored vine had gone berserk! It still felt that the power it had was still insufficient.

"It's not enough! I want to be stronger!" A thought suddenly resonated throughout the underground cavern.

That thought stirred up the atmosphere. What seemed like thousands of leech pods in the air drifted upwards, gushing towards the direction of the crack.

That aside, all the remaining purple flowers on the vines suddenly matured, turning into leech pods and left the body of the blood-colored vine, moving towards the crack high up in the space

# Chapter 116: Charcoal VS The Parasite

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There were countless parasites emerging from underneath the Xia Temple as they moved along. They then headed towards the south gate of the Xia Temple's ruins and drifted away towards Xiaoxia City.

Leech pods dispersed in the air resembled purple clouds beneath the sunlight.

Those at the Xia Palace Ruins did not find this phenomenon peculiar. Instead, they opened the camera page on the Heart Network to capture this breathtaking scene but strange things began to happen. The leech pods began targeting the crowd as their hosts.

Only a small number of people noticed this and started running away.

The Life Light in the host bodies were quickly consumed and they fainted.

However, this was just the beginning. More and more leech pods drifted away from the Xia Palace Ruins towards Xiaoxia City and spread to larger areas...

Beneath the Xia Palace Ruins, the battle between Charcoal and blood-colored vine had intensified.

Charcoal eventually gave up the ranged attack using dragonflames and moved closer to the blood-colored vine after noticing the increasingly powerful aura of the blood-colored vine. Soon, they became tangled with one another.

Charcoal had a very sharp mouth claw enabling it to directly tear off a section of the blood-colored vine.

It was even more powerful when it used its dragonflame within such a short distance.

Charcoal launched consecutive attacks and caused the blood-colored vine to growl in pain; all counterattacks were useless because of Charcoal's strong defense.

Charcoal was finally showing the immense power of the dragonkin in battle.

Its sharp claws looked like pliers made of steel. Each time Charcoal stabbed the blood-colored vine using its claws, deep gashes would be formed. Its teeth were so terrifying that whenever Charcoal bit it, the blood-colored vine's body felt like it was being ripped into pieces.

Charcoal was a natural combat machine. It had wicked wings on its back that could cut and kill in a flash.

The blood-colored vine almost collapsed when Charcoal engaged in close combat with it. It tried to tie Charcoal with its vines but

Charcoal was too powerful and broke free.

It indeed had amazing healing abilities as it healed each and every wound on its own almost instantly. As its aura grew stronger, its body gradually gave off a faint silver glow.

"We're in trouble now. It has upgraded to silver-level..."

Lin Huang panicked when the blood-colored vine upgraded to silver-level because its abilities would become significantly stronger and Lin Huang had no idea if Charcoal could stop it.

"Xiao Hei, any idea how we can kill this parasite?" Lin Huang was worried because unless his combat ability was stronger than Charcoal's, there would be no way to kill it.

"The cards you have now cannot solve this problem."

"What about in the card pieces mall?" Lin Huang asked.

"The most effective card right now would be the Primary Kill Card. It can kill any creature with combat abilities below that of a transcendent."

"Redeeming one for the first time will require one million card pieces. You do not have enough card pieces."

"Other than that, are there any other solutions?"



"The Primary Kill Card would be your best choice. The rest would require even more card pieces and you can't use them anyway."

Lin Huang frowned after listening to Xiao Hei's explanation.

"Perhaps we should retreat and come back when Charcoal and I are stronger?"

Xiao Hei heard Lin Huang mumbling and gave him a new reminder.

"This would be the best time to kill the parasites or else, you may not have a chance to kill it again."

"How could it be? I've been upgrading very quickly and perhaps I can upgrade to a transcendent in a year. Charcoal could probably upgrade once too..."

Before Lin Huang could finish his sentence, Xiao Hei interrupted...

"The growth of a parasite is faster than other creatures because it feeds off of the energy of the host. Based on a research on the life cycle of a parasite, it takes them less than 20 days to grow to its current form and it needs at most two months to upgrade to a transcendent. Even after that, there's a chance of a third of mutation."

"It has achieved bronze-level rank-3 in less than 20 days and had been mutated twice..." Lin Huang never thought the parasite would grow this rapidly since they lived underground.

"The residual energy of the mutated species is magnificently powerful. Could it be because Xia Hao's Goldfinger is stronger than Xiao Hei?" Lin Huang could not understand how because Xiao Hei was a complete Goldfinger and should be stronger than the residual energy from Xia Hao's Goldfinger.

"The functions of all Goldfingers are strictly limited by rules and the host has to obey the rules as well. However, this residual energy has left its Goldfinger and existed on its own. It is no longer restricted by any rules and therefore, it had no qualms about supporting the growth of the parasite."

Lin Huang sighed. He was a little envious.

"If its power growth is unfettered, it would eventually self-destruct. This was the first message I got when I first became independent."

Xiao Hei sighed with emotion and Lin Huang was stunned. He then recovered from his miserable thoughts and started thinking of ways to overcome this.

"The most troublesome part about this parasite was that it has great healing abilities." Lin Huang had changed his way of thinking and asked, "Xiao Hei, are there any cards that could suppress its healing powers?"

"No. The recovery ability did not come from its own. It gets its energy from the energy sphere. If you want to cut off its recovery ability, let me first completely engulf the energy from the energy sphere."

"How does it work? How long does it take?"

"I need you to push against the energy sphere for at least three minutes."

"If I go near the energy sphere, it would kill me several times over in those three minutes..." Lin Huang lowered his head and looked at his body. He was in the form of a ghost and his physical defense power was weaker than Lin Huang's. He would die if his Life Power was attacked.

Lin Huang's eyes brightened when he glanced at it.

The base of the energy sphere was in contact with the ground.

"Can the energy sphere move?" Lin Huang asked Xiao Hei.

"No, there are only two ways to move it. The first way would be when it's attacked by something with immense power and the second way would be if a new Goldfinger absorbs it and brings it away."

Lin Huang was happy and quickly shared, "I have an idea. I'll hide under the energy sphere so that I am able to touch its base from the bottom."

Lin Huang did what he said by melding into the ground and moved towards the direction of the energy sphere.

As he got closer to the energy sphere when Xiao Hei said "It's too near, he caught me."

Lin Huang did not bother and continued moving forward.

The blood-colored vine was getting agitated and angry because it sensed Lin Huang and Xiao Hei below it. It began hitting the ground. Lin Huang could feel the ground trembling but continued to move towards the base of the energy sphere.

The collapse of the underground soil would not harm it because as long as his Life Power was not attacked, he would not be injured in ghost form.

Lin Huang reached the bottom of the energy sphere and gradually moved up, having his hands touch the energy sphere above of him.

Just as he touched a warm object with his palm, Xiao Hei's shouted, "You may need to touch it for at least three minutes."

"Alright." Lin Huang was focused.

On the ground, the blood-colored vine predicted Lin Huang's intentions and began attacking the ground instead of Charcoal.

Thankfully, Lin Huang was hiding directly below the energy sphere and it was unable to attack Lin Huang because of the way he was hiding and also because the ground above him was incredibly thick.

The situation got worst. The silver glow on the blood-colored vine's body spread out all of a sudden and it was triggered, increasing its speed of upgrading to silver-level because it knew Lin Huang wanted to take the energy sphere from it.

Its abilities were enhanced and the ground collapsed due to its attack. It was now able to launch a frontal attack on Charcoal.

The number of purple flowers on its body increased after the upgrade. It seemed to have noticed that it was about to lose the energy sphere and it released all the newly grown flowers on its body so that it could increase the rate it absorbed Life Light.

At Xiaoxia City, more than 10,000 hosts were infected. The parasites absorbed their Life Light. One after another were infected, causing fear and panic in the entire foothold.

At the same time, the ground below the Xia Palace Ruins saw the upgraded blood-colored vine hoarding the Life Light, unwilling to let it go.

Lin Huang's field of view was blocked by the energy sphere since he was beneath it. He could not see what was happening out there.

Charcoal was pressured as well it sensed its opponent growing stronger...

# Chapter 117: Demonic Dandelion Vine

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As time passed, the people infected in Xiaoxia City also increased.

In less than two minutes after it had leveled up to silver-level, a shockwave came from its body and it upgraded to silver-level rank-2 and with that, its body color brightened.

Charcoal continuously attacked it but the blood-colored vine retaliated forcefully. A loud bang echoed and this time, Charcoal was blown away by the hit, smashing its head on the rock wall. Lin Huang could hear Charcoal's growl of anger though he was unable to witness what was happening.

"Xiao Hei, how long more do you need?" Lin Huang was panicked but Xiao Hei did not answer him.

After blowing Charcoal away, the blood-colored vine went back to attacking the ground and Lin Huang underneath it. Soon, the ground collapsed. The energy sphere protected Lin Huang who was hiding right at the bottom of it.

Lin Huang was extremely nervous because he was afraid that the ground would collapse any moment.

Fortunately, the blood-colored vine stopped attacking after a short while because Charcoal attacked it after recovering from its previous attack.

Knowing that his power was reduced to absolute inferiority, Charcoal decided not to launch a frontal attack but to wrestle it instead.

Flapping his wings, Charcoal spewed fire at the blood-colored vine continuously while dodging its attacks.

The dragon flames had no effect on the blood-colored vine but the burning sensation in its body annoyed it even more. It swung its vines to stop the flames but missed.

Seemingly, the blood-colored vine had noticed that Charcoal was there to distract it from attacking the ground. It decided not to bother with Charcoal and turned the tip of its vine into a drill bit to drill into the ground.

Underground, Lin Huang was still in his Specter form. There were changes to his vision that he experienced; he was able to see through the soil as if it was semi-transparent. He was initially in an upright direction and now he was lying down, with his body adhered firmly to the base of the energy sphere.

The tip of the drill was less than one meter away from him. Lin Huang's back was drenched in sweat. It would certainly wound him badly if he was struck by the blood-colored vine since its combat abilities were now silver-level rank-2.

Charcoal needed to get the blood-colored vine's attention. Charcoal pounced on the blood-colored vine once again with a close attack.



Although the combat abilities of the blood-colored vine had become stronger in addition to a substantial increase in its defensive power, Charcoal's attack was no longer as effective as it used to be. However, wounds still appeared on its body right after it was attacked by Charcoal's sharp claws and mouth claw.

Charcoal had triggered the blood-colored vine again and it was angry. It gave up attacking Lin Huang and fought Charcoal instead.

The blood-colored vine wrapped its vines around Charcoal's neck. Its force was now beyond what Charcoal could handle. Charcoal could not get rid of it at all and struggled using its mouth and claws at the same time.

"Warning: Charcoal encountered a fatal attack. Please recall it immediately!" A notification suddenly popped up in front of Lin Huang.

"Recall Charcoal!" Lin Huang instructed because if Charcoal died, its monster card would disappear as well. It was not easy to obtain an Epic dragonkin.

Once the instruction to recall it was given, Charcoal instantly turned into a card and returned to Lin Huang's body.

The vines with the circumference of an adult arm transformed into a drill bit and penetrated the ground repeatedly.

"Xiao Hei, how long more do you still need? Please answer me!"

Lin Huang felt that he could not withstand the force anymore. The vine's attack had swept away most of the ground close to him. The closest attack it made was less than 20 centimeters away from the back of his head. If the vines twisted upward a little more, it would have drilled a hole in Lin Huang's head.

"Done!" Lin Huang could sense the warmth on his palm vanish.

The blood-colored vine growled loudly. One of its vines fell right on Lin Huang's head. It was so fast that Lin Huang could not avoid it. At this moment, Charcoal was summoned once again and it covered Lin Huang as he ran.

The blood-colored vine's fatal attack struck Charcoal's on its left wing and dragon blood splattered all over the place.

Lin Huang turned back and saw the scene.

"Summon Bai!" Lin Huang ordered.

The next moment, Bai appeared in the underground cavern too.

"Upgrade him the second time!" Lin Huang instructed again. The reason why he summoned and upgraded Bai was so that they could attack the parasite together.

"Are you sure you would like to use two Advance Cards to upgrade Bai?"

"I'm sure!"

Two beams of golden light filled the air, enveloping Bai. Soon, it had completely morphed into a big golden cocoon with Bai wrapped inside.

The strange aura Bai exuded caught the blood-colored vine's attention. As it saw a big golden cocoon on the ground, it sensed something alarming and immediately attacked the cocoon, stopping the mutation of the monster that appeared all of a sudden.

If this was an ordinary monster mutation, perhaps its attack could hinder the mutation. However, with the Advancement Card, the process would not be interrupted. Even if it was attacked by a demigod, the outcome could not be altered. The blood-colored vine's attack was useless.

In less than one minute, the golden cocoon disappeared.

A young man with white hair appeared again in front of Lin Huang, his aura was even more deadly and dangerous. However, there was a mask on his face that covered half of his face.

"Congratulations! You have gained an Epic Monster Card – Four-Winged Blood Baron (God's Servant)."

At this moment, the blood-colored vine launched an attack again.

All of a sudden, Bai's eyes turned bloody and he extended four of his crimson-colored wings, turning into a stream of blood and disappeared from the ground.

He acted so fast that Lin Huang could not capture it at all.

"Charcoal, you will assist Bai to kill the parasite!" Lin Huang ordered.

The wound on Charcoal's wing was recovering. He was born with extremely fast healing abilities.

He fluttered his wings again and spat dragon flames on the blood-colored vine repeatedly and it no longer had the recovery ability from the energy sphere.

On the other hand, four of the crimson-colored wings behind Bai had turned into four bloody, sharp blades that cut the blood-colored vine at a terribly fast speed. His body resembled a beam of bloody light, shuttling back and forth underground, cutting up multiple parts of the parasite's body.

Although the blood-colored vine defense was astonishing, Bai's sharp wings were more powerful than gold-rank equipment.

There were too many wounds on the vine's body because of Bai's wings and Charcoal attacked it from the other side. Soon, it was exhausted.

Lin Huang then noticed that the aura of the blood-colored vine rising again.

He did not know that there were more than 100,000 people infected in Xiaoxia City. Furthermore, many of them were bronze-level hunters and some were even silver-hunters.

The silver glow was constantly gushing out of the blood-colored vine's body. This was a sign that it was going to breakthrough once again to silver-level rank-3.

When he was underneath the blood-colored vine, he emerged from the ground and transformed back into himself. He grabbed a Sword Relic and used Thunder Sword on the wound caused by Bai earlier.

Lin Huang's lightning-fast action caught the blood-colored vine off guard. Its gigantic body was cut in half by the sharp relic but it did not die. A vine that was transformed into a drill bit fiercely penetrated Lin Huang's stomach and came out from his waist. This strike had blown his body away causing him to hang in mid-air, making him look like bacon hanging on a hook.

Lin Huang spat out a mouthful of blood. Before he lost his consciousness, he was able to say, "Use the Healing Card..."

As soon as Lin Huang regained his consciousness, he saw that Bai and Charcoal were beside him.

"Where is the parasite?" He saw that the blood-colored vine was no longer moving.

"It's dead?!" Lin Huang could not believe his eyes.

"Congratulations. You have gained an Epic Parasite Species Card. The parasite belongs to a new species of monster. It does not have a name. You may name it."

"Then I'll name it the Demonic Dandelion Vine." Lin Huang recalled the demonic dandelion tree that he read from a novel. It was a parasitic monster too. He chose this name.

# Chapter 118: Reward

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Lin Huang killed the Demonic Dandelion Vine underground. As the parasite body was dying, the leech pods collapsed automatically. Ten of thousands of people and visitors of Xiaoxia City who were previously contaminated are now safe.

Lin Huang recalled Bai and Charcoal then summoned Tyrant. Since he upgraded Bai here, he thought he might as well upgrade Tyrant before the transcendents arrived.

"Upgrade Tyrant twice!" Lin Huang took out the last two Advance Cards that he had and used them. The two cards transformed into a golden glow and enveloped Tyrant. Tyrant's gigantic body was covered by the glow like a giant cocoon.

Soon the cocoon broke, revealing a naked Sand Monster. The fats in its body cracked and fell off its body, it was now a muscular man. He was handsome and he was covered by a layer of gold armor attached to its body.

"Congratulations, you have received an Epic Monster Card - Gold Armored Genie."

Lin Huang read its description and nodded with satisfaction. He recalled Tyrant and used a Specific Transformation Card headed to the border of southern gate underneath the ruins. He arrived at a quiet alley and transformed himself back to his original.

He walked out of the alley, it was crowded on the street. He

found it odd. After asking around, he found out that the Demonic Dandelion Vine contaminated tens of thousands of people and created an uproar. Lin Huang had figured that the leech pods were absorbing Life Power when it had a tremendous increase of combat strength easier but he did not expect its parasitic ability to be as terrifying as this considered that it was only silver-level.

After walking around and listening to some rumors, Lin Huang checked into a hotel nearby. Although the battle was tough, it did not consume too much of his time. The total time that he spent underground was less than 20 minutes while the battle only lasted for 10 minutes. It was past 11 at night when he checked into the hotel, the transcendents of Xiagong City had finally arrived. There were six of them, they did not know about the parasites but they came as soon as they could when they sensed Bai and Tyrant's presence.

When they arrived in Xiaoxia City, they were shocked to hear about the parasites. After failed attempts at searching for the two monsters, the transcendents did not leave but stayed in the city to investigate. Of course, Lin Huang was unaware of that. After he checked into the hotel, he was checking out Bai, Tyrant and the new Demonic Dandelion Vine card that he just obtained.

"Monster Card"

"Rarity: Epic"

"Monster Name: Four-Winged Blood Baron (God's Servant)"



"Type of Monster: Blood Demon"

"Combat Level: Bronze-level rank-3"

"Skill 1: Blood Spirit"

"Skill 2: Holy Power (Beginner)"

"Skill 3: Blood Sacrifice"

"Skill 4: Enhanced Regeneration (Beginner)"

"Skill 5: Ultimate Speed (Beginner)"

"Summon Authority: Activated"

"Remarks: When this monster is upgraded to a transcendent, the holy blood in its body will be activated and its abilities will increase tremendously"

"Card Remarks: Trainable"

"What does the god's servant in the bracket of its name mean?"  
Lin Huang asked Xiao Hei.

"There's trace amounts of holy blood in the monster's body which explains why he has holy power in his skill."

After hearing Xiao Hei's explanation, Lin Huang looked at the new skills once again.

Blood Spirit was the ultimate upgrade of Blood Power for higher attack ability, the holy power came from the holy blood in Bai's body. As for Blood Sacrifice, it would sacrifice its blood to increase its abilities temporarily. Lastly, Ultimate Speed would allow it to move at a transcendent's speed.

After reading Bai's card, Lin Huang then looked at Tyrant's card.

"Monster Card"

"Rarity: Epic"

"Monster Name: Gold Armored Genie"

"Type of Monster: Genie"

"Combat Level: Bronze-level rank-3"

"Skill 1: Golden Armor"

"Skill 2: Super Robust"

"Skill 3: Super Regeneration (Beginner)"

"Skill 4: Ultimate Explosion (Beginner)"

"Skill 5: Ultimate Strength (Beginner)"

"Summon Authority: Activated"

"Card Remarks: Trainable"

Lin Huang looked at the new skills. Similar to Charcoal's Absolute Defense , Golden Armor was a passive skill with a defensive ability was even stronger. For Ultimate Explosion , it was a passive skill that allowed its body to utilize the ultimate explosive force while Ultimate Strength was the ultimate form of Immense Strength , also a passive skill.

Lin Huang then looked at the last card for the Demonic Dandelion Vine.

"Monster Card"

"Rarity: Epic"

"Monster Name: Demonic Dandelion Vine"

"Type of Monster: Parasite"

"Combat Level: Bronze-level Rank-3"

"Skill 1: Leech Pod"

"Skill 2: Total Control"

"Remarks: Monster skill has yet to be fully discovered, three more skills on the way"

"Summon Authority: Activated"

"Card Remarks: Trainable"

"Xiao Hei, there are only two skills. What's with the three skills that are on the way?" Lin Huang could not understand that as an Epic Monster Card usually came with five skills.

"The Demonic Dandelion Vine is a new species, as it is the first generation; it only has basic skills now and would gain more skills from learning them in the future."

Lin Huang then looked at the two skills. Leech Pod would allow the Demonic Dandelion Vine to create leech pods that it could then control and target hosts. Following that, Absolute Control gave it the ability to control the host completely.

He then looked at his Exclusive Card, there were changes on it.

"Host: Lin Huang"

"Gender: Male"

"Age: 15"

"Combat Strength: Iron-level rank-3"

"Life Seed: Sly Hands (Rare)"

"Combat Skill 1: Great Sword Scripture (Sword Skill)"

"Combat Skill 2: Thunder Sword (Sword Skill)"

"Combat Skill 3: Spectral Snowsteps (Body Movement)"

"Combat Skill 4: Cloud Steps (Body Movement)"

"Monster Skill 1: Blood Spirit"

"Monster Skill 2: Form Changer"

"Monster Skill 3: Super Robust (Intermediate)"

"Monster Skill 4: Supreme Breath (Beginner)"

"Monster Skill 5: Immense Strength"

"Monster Skill 6: Magic Eye Deterrence (Intermediate)"

"Monster Skill 7: Absolute Defence (Beginner)"

"Monster Skill 8: Blood Hunt (Beginner)"

"Monster Skill 9: Boundless Vision (Beginner)"

"Monster Skill 10: Third Eye (Beginner)"

"Summon Authority: Activated"

"Available Number of Summons: 2"

"Remark: Passable"

Blood Power was replaced by Blood Spirit while Robust was replaced by Super Robust . Lin Huang raised his eyebrow and said, "Extract Demonic Dandelion Vine's skill."

"It cannot be extracted; your storage for monster skills is full. To obtain more monster skills, you would have to combine Skill Cards or delete the existing monster skills."

"I thought I could get hundreds of skills if I accumulated hundreds of Monster Cards, I should have known there was a limit!" Lin Huang had always guessed that there was a limit but he did not know what it was. Well, he knew now.

He kept his Exclusive Card while showing off the three Epic Monster Cards he had in his hands. He was over the moon with his achievements. However, he did not forget that he owed Xiao Hei this time. He kept the three Monster Cards and smirked as he contacted Xiao Hei, "Xiao Hei, what did you get from engulfing the energy sphere?"

"Resurrection functions for cards."

"What does this resurrection do?"

"If a Monster Card of a higher rarity dies, it can be replaced by another Monster Card of a similar or lower rarity. Rare Monster Card get two chances at resurrection. The first resurrection could replace it with a Normal Card while the second resurrection will definitely replace it with a Rare Card."

"Epic Monster Card gets three resurrections. The first resurrection could replace it with a Normal Card while the second resurrection will definitely replace it with a Rare Card and the third resurrection, with another Epic Card."

"Legendary card and higher would have more chances to be resurrected with the same order as the above."

"All the replacement cards must have the same combat strength as the replaced card."

"If the required eligibility is not met, the card will automatically disappear."

"This sounds great!" Lin Huang was excited.

He had four Epic Monster Cards now, this new function could solve some of his concerns. Soon he recalled something important. He smirked again and asked, "Xiao Hei, I helped you get the energy sphere. Do I get anything as a reward?"

"I shall reward you 10 card draws but the kind of cards you get depends wholly on your luck, pal."

"10 cards!" It was the first time Xiao Hei was so generous.

"Delay no more!"



# Chapter 119: 10 Card Draw

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"You have completed a special mission; you get 10 card draws as a reward!"

"There are 180 cards in the card pool so you can get 10 of the 180 cards as your reward."

"Warning: You can only select ten cards from the pool only once. Once selected, no changes are allowed!"

The cards then came to life and arranged themselves neatly in the air in front of Lin Huang. There were 10 columns and 18 rows which added up to a total of 180 cards. They were all identical; completely black with a golden question mark in the middle that looked more like a golden burning flame.

Lin Huang initially thought he could pick 10 cards from a pool of 18 cards. If that was the case, the probability of getting better cards would be higher. Now, his options were more and so, the probabilities of getting good cards were no better than a regular card draw.

"[Bibbidi-Buddhadi-Boo](#), please give me some good cards! No mission cards please, I beg you!" Lin Huang pressed his palms together and said a short little prayer with his eyes closed. He then opened his eyes, took a deep breath and picked 10 rewards cards.

"This, and this..."

The remaining cards disappeared after he was done. The cards that he picked were arranged into two rows of five columns in front of him. One by one, the cards revealed themselves.

"Congratulations, you have received Epiphany Card x1, Advance Card x1, Small Destruction Card x1, Healing Card x2, Double Card x2, Provisional Transformation Card x3."

"I got one Small Destruction Card and two Healing Cards?!" Lin Huang was over the moon, for the very first time, he actually had good luck. He remembered clearly how powerful the Small Destruction Card worked on the Sand Monsters. As for the Healing Cards, he had seen how useful it was several times. He had just used his last Healing Card earlier and now he has replenished them.

"Too bad there's only one Advance Card. If I had two of them, I could upgrade the Alexandrian Eagle into an Epic Card."

The four Advance Cards he obtained earlier were used on Bai and Tyrant.

He was familiar with some cards, but not all of them. He took a look at them. The Epiphany Card was completely gold with a blue brain amidst a boundless starry night at the front of the card. He turned the card around to read its description.

"Epiphany Card: Gives the user a chance for an epiphany."

"Remarks: Consumable, it can only be used once. The effect depends on the user's credentials and talents."

"Good stuff!" Lin Huang was satisfied with the cards he selected. He got cards that could be used in practical situations and none of the mission card that was useless.

"My luck has finally changed for the better!" He happily kept all his cards and headed to the shower.

Maybe he was in a good mood, he had a good night's sleep and it was after eight in the morning when he woke up. After checking out from the hotel, Lin Huang ran out of the foothold and summoned the Alexandrian Eagle to head to Xiagong City. If not for the city curfew, he would not have stayed in Xiaoxia City. However, he was not so concerned about Lin Xin. Ever since the parasites were eliminated, even if a transcendent monster were to invade a B-grade large foothold like Xiagong City, he would be able to stop it.

Lin Huang arrived at the hotel in Xiagong City at 8:30 in the morning. He opened the room door with the keycard. Lin Xin was standing at the door with a gun pointed at him.

"What are you doing?" Lin Huang raised his voice.

Lin Xin then put down the gun, "I thought it's a bad guy at the door... Why didn't you inform me beforehand that you're coming back?"

"I came back right after I woke up, I just realized I hadn't told you when I was already walking over." Lin Huang shrugged his shoulders.

"Have you settled your stuff yet?" Lin Xin kept the GrayEagle17 back into storage.

"Yes, it's been done." Lin Huang nodded in satisfaction.

"Let's book the tickets back home."

"You haven't been to Xiaoxia City yet, don't you want to visit the Xiagong Ruins?" It was odd for Lin Xin to change her mind.

"I don't want to go anymore." Lin Xin shook her head.

"What's wrong?" Lin Huang could sense that she was upset.

"I want to go home earlier so that I could spend more time to train my gun skill." Lin Xin explained.

"Let's go to Xiaoxia City to see the Xiagong Ruins, it won't take too long."

"I still prefer to go home now." Lin Xin shook her head.

"Alright then. Since you insist, let's go home then." Lin Xin was persistent.

"Have you had breakfast yet?" Lin Huang asked.

"Yes, I have."

"I'll have my breakfast downstairs first and we'll book the return tickets when I'm back." Lin Huang patted her head and left.

After he left, Lin Xin resumed the video that she was watching. There was a lady on the paused screen with a sentence at the bottom.

'If you don't want to be a burden, you must be strong yourself.'

Lin Xin pushed the play button and proceeded to watch the entire video. If Lin Huang was there, he would definitely recognize the lady in the video. She was a celebrity gunmaster whose videos went viral online - Ou-yang Bingli.

Ou-yang Bingli was an 18-year-old who ranked 14th on the Division7 Gold Hunter Leaderboard. She was also the highest ranked female gunmaster. She had fans who loved guns, most of them were teenage fangirls below 18.

As Lin Huang was having a buffet breakfast on the second floor, he received a notification from the Union Government.

"Last night at about 10:30, a serious parasite contamination happened in Xiaoxia City causing up to 130,000 people to get contaminated with parasitic pods. An anonymous transcendent managed to kill the parasites in time and saved everyone before leaving. On behalf of the Union Government, we would like to apologize for the unforeseen circumstance. We will prevent it from ever happening again. At the same time, we would like to thank the anonymous transcendent. Although we don't know who you are, what you did has earned our respect and we shall learn from you..."

"It seems like they have no idea what happened beneath the Xiagong Ruins. They just assumed that the parasite was a transcendent based on the contamination figures and assumed that I was a transcendent as well..." Lin Huang smiled as he shook his head. Theoretically, the most a gold-level parasite could infect would not be more than 10,000 people. The Demonic Dandelion Vine was just silver-level but it managed to infect more than 100,000 people. Perhaps it was because it had mutated twice or other unusual circumstance. It managed to mislead the Union Government to think that it was a transcendent monster. Of course, the main reason for their misinformation was because they did not see the battle between Lin Huang and the Demonic Dandelion Vine. Else, they could tell from the remaining aura in the cave that the Demonic Dandelion Vine was merely a silver-level.

After that, the Union Government sent another message.

"Around 11 o'clock last night, all of the 15 offenders who escaped prison were captured in foothold No.7B61. The security regulations

and curfew have been lifted..."

"They haven't been telling the truth since the beginning..." Lin Huang raised his eyebrow as he read the news.

After breakfast, he went back to his hotel room. Lin Xin looked at him, eyes wide opened.

"Brother, it was you, wasn't it?"

"What is it that I did?" Lin Huang riddled back.

"The transcendent monster in Xiaoxia City, did you kill it?" Lin Xin waited for his reply.

"You're overthinking, do I look like a transcendent to you?" Lin Huang lied because he was afraid that Lin Xin might tell her schoolmates if she knew the truth.

"But the time Bai disappeared matched the time the transcendent appeared. I don't think it was a coincidence, brother." Lin Xin became factual.

"I just happened to encounter some trouble at the time. It was a mere coincidence that the timing matched!" Lin Huang attempted to cover up the truth so he pinched Lin Xin's cheeks, "Look at you, why are you thinking of such ridiculous things at this hour of the day. I'm just iron-level, if I really did bump into a transcendent monster, I would run away real fast. How can I fight it?"

"Oh..." Lin Xin's face dropped almost immediately.

"I was looking at the spaceship schedule, there's one tomorrow and the tickets are available." Lin Huang then looked at Lin Xin, "Are you sure you want to be a recluse?"

"I have thought about it. Since I will be going to graduation class in September, I can always have fun after I graduate next year. I should spend time studying and training in order to get good grades next year." Lin Xin thought of a reason to convince Lin Huang.

"You've grown up; it's great that you are managing your time well." Lin Huang patted her head, "I'll go book the tickets now."

The raw for 'Bibbidi-Buddhadi-Boo' is 天灵灵, 地灵灵, 观音菩萨快显灵. Lin Huang was asking blessings from the God so that he could he get better cards. As there's no direct translation to it, thus the Cinderella spell with a twist.



## Chapter 120: Order Take-Out for Me

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It took the same amount of time - eight days - to return back to Baqi City via the Demonic Crystal Spaceship. The trip was smooth-sailing. On the third day, Lin Huang managed to upgrade Army Attack Tactics to level three. For the next five days, he trained in his room and accumulated more than 300 card pieces.

On the other hand, Lin Xin had been staying in her room to play Gun Master during the eight days. She was engrossed in the game. The spaceship arrived in Baqi City at three in the afternoon. After they got off the spaceship, they did not stay in the city and left for Wulin Town on the Alexandrian Eagle.

They had been away from home for more than 20 days. Once they got home, Lin Huang convinced Lin Xin to clean the house with him. After spending more than two hours cleaning, it was six o'clock and time for dinner. Again, after dinner, Lin Xin stayed in her room to play Gun Master while Lin Huang watched the news in the living room after he did the dishes.

The news of the parasite incident in Xiaoxia City finally came to an end. It had been more than a week since the incident happened. The truth of what really happened in Xiagong City was never discovered. Nobody knew what exactly happened beneath the Xiagong Ruins. During this period, there was nothing particularly interesting on the news in Division7 aside from the parasite incident in Xiaoxia City.

However, just as he opened the news page, he noticed one of the latest hot topics.

"Jiang You who ranked second on the Gold Hunter Leaderboard had recently leveled-up to transcendent!" The headline read. Lin Huang had heard about Jiang You but he did not know much about him. All he knew was that he had a nickname on the network, which was 'Eternal No.2'.

There were 1,000 people on the Gold Hunter Leaderboard, most of them were on gold-level rank-3. Basically, everyone who was listed on the leaderboard had high chances of becoming a transcendent, especially those who were within the first 100. Most of them would not stay too long in their level when they reached gold-level rank-3 with most of them staying only one or two years. As it was easy to accumulate Life Power, as long as they found a suitable transcendent monster and killed it, they would be upgraded.

However, Jiang You's story was slightly different. He had stayed in the second place on the Gold Hunter Leaderboard for seven years. There were four replacements to the champion throughout the years but he remained second. That was how he got his nickname. Many were curious, wondering why he remained at gold-level rank-3. Perhaps, Jiang You was the only one who could answer that question himself. Now that he had finally leveled up seven years later, it was a hot topic in Division7. The media had nothing to write about for the past few days so it was the perfect opportunity for them to cook something up from this topic.

"So I guess this news today had become an issue people would be interested in?" Lin Huang said in his head. After switching off the news page, he suddenly recalled having a Mission Card he had yet to activate. He had planned to activate it once he got back home.

Since he had nothing much throughout the coming month, he decided to take out the Mission Card.

There same blonde lady in black maid attire on the card was still there.

"Activate Mission Card." Lin Huang instructed.

The blonde lady stretched her body and looked at Lin Huang.

"So we meet again." The blonde lady winked at Lin Huang. He smiled back.

"Now, let me tell you what your mission is."

"This is your mission! Upgrade Army Attack Tactics to level six within 30 days!"

Mission Completion Reward: Healing Card x1"

"If you fail to complete the mission within the given time, you will lose one functional card as punishment!"

"Mission announcement done. You can read more about the mission at the back of the card."

After the blonde lady finished talking, she winked at Lin Huang

again, "All the best!"

"Upgrade Army Attack Tactics to level six within a month..." Lin Huang felt tricked by the Mission Card again. "How is that possible?!"

He had only managed to get to level three. From level three to level four, he will need 800 card pieces. He only had more than 300 card pieces on hand, which meant he would need more than 400 card pieces. That was not the worst news. He would need 1,600 card pieces from level four to level five and 10,000 card pieces from level five to level six! In total, he would need to obtain a grand total of 12,000 card pieces within a month.

Accumulating 12,000 card pieces within a month seem impossible!

"I don't care, since the mission has been activated, it's too late to complain now." Lin Huang stood up and walked upstairs. He sent Lin Xin a message, "I'll have to train Army Attack Tactics for quite awhile, we'll be having take-out for a month..."

He then closed his door and started training Army Attack Tactics. He was on level three now and it takes 15 minutes to complete one skill cycle. Training until midnight, he only managed to obtain more than 20 card pieces. The next morning, Lin Huang woke up at six to train and Lin Xin brought him breakfast at eight.

"From today onwards, I will make myself some oats for breakfast. You don't have to order food for me in the afternoon but please get

me take-out for dinner." Lin Huang wanted to focus on training.

"No problem, I can do that for you but... Won't you be hungry if you skip lunch?" Lin Xin was concerned.

"Don't worry, I won't." Lin Huang assured her.

"Alright then..."

After breakfast, Lin Huang returned to his room and trained again all the way to bedtime. He only managed to accumulate 80 card pieces that day. For the next couple of days, Lin Huang repeated the routine of waking up at six with a bowl of oat and fruits before his training. He would spend around 10 minutes for dinner at six in the evening and train until 12 before he went to bed. He spent almost 18 hours on his training each day.

On the fifth afternoon, he finally accumulated 800 card pieces and upgraded Army Attack Tactics to level four.

Since then, the skill rotation became even more complicated. The time he took per rotation slowed down again. Five days passed and he saw the rotation shorten to 10 minutes per cycle instead of 30 minutes. He managed to accumulate more than 100 card pieces every day. As the days passed and time shortened, the amount of card pieces he was able to obtain increased respectively.

Finally, on the 20th day, Lin Huang upgraded Army Attack Tactics to level five."I will use the Epiphany Card as a hail mary

during the last 10 days!" Lin Huang had planned this since the beginning.

He took out the Epiphany Card, took a deep breath and squeezed the card, hard. He proceeded with his training.

Indulged in the effects of the Epiphany Card, the first skill rotation took the same amount of time, which was half an hour. However, on the second cycle, it was reduced to 20 minutes while the third cycle took only 10 minutes. On the fourth cycle, it was reduced to three minutes and the fifth cycle was only one minute... The time he needed was reduced with each round. When it came to the 10th round, he managed to complete a rotation within a single second. In less than four hours, he had accumulated 10,000 card pieces and upgraded to level six.

However, the Army Attack Tactics rotation did not stop evolving. The level six skill cycle was a few times more complicated than level five. It took Lin Huang a full three hours to complete one cycle, two hours for the second one...

Seven hours later, he managed to complete a single cycle within one second once more. Eight hours later, he had finally accumulated 30,000 card pieces and upgraded Army Attack Tactics to level seven.

By then, Lin Huang had been training for more than 20 hours but the effects of the Epiphany Card went on...

The skill cycles went on automatically. After 30 hours, he had

accumulated 90,000 card pieces and broke through to level eight! The effects of the Epiphany Card finally left Lin Huang.

He had no rest. Feeling satisfied, he got himself a cup of water immediately then went to bed.

When he woke up, he saw Lin Xin sitting by his bedside.

"What happened?" Lin Huang asked curiously.

"Brother, I was so scared!" Lin Xin told him what happened.

Lin Xin had been knocking on his door to get him to eat his dinner for the past two days but he did not respond at all. On the third day, he did not respond again so Lin Xin went into his room and found out that he was in a deep sleep. She thought there might be something wrong with his body so she called 911.

"Luckily the doctor said everything is normal with your body but you went into hibernation and promised that you would wake up soon." She was teary as she explained.

"Don't worry, I'm alright. I was just exhausted from my training so I rested." Lin Huang patted her head.

"Some rest? You slept for a week!" Lin Xin stared at him.

"One week? No wonder I'm starving... Xin Er, please order take-

out for me, I'll go wash up now."

"Sure!" Lin Xin walked into the living room to order his meal.



# Chapter 121: Life Species Monster

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"Life Skill Card"

"Life Skill Name: Army Attack Tactics"

"Rarity: Rare"

"Mastery Level: Level 8"

"Effect: 96% increment in the Life Power rotation speed. Increases attack power and defense power by 96% respectively."

"Remarks: With every upgrade, each of the Life Skill effects will be increased by 12%."

"Card Remarks: Usable"

Lin Huang looked at the description of his Life Skill Card and was stunned. He did not expect the effect of the Epiphany Card to be tremendous, allowing him to upgrade Army Attack Tactics to level eight. The increment of 96% of all effects his Life Power was the peak if it was an Ultimate Life Skill. Some people who had high-level Life Skills spent all their lives in training and the best they could do was level five. Only one in a million made it to level six. There was barely anyone who could make it to level seven and eight. Lin Huang had proven himself because he was able to upgrade to level eight in Epiphany mode in just one sitting!

He then checked the cards in his body, there was an addition Healing Card which was his reward for completing the mission.

"To activate or not to activate... A mission card is just a pain in the ass!" Lin Huang exclaimed.

If not for the Epiphany Card, he knew very well that he would never complete the mission no matter what. Fortunately, the effect of the Epiphany Card was incredible. Not only did he complete his mission on time, he even exceeded the expectation for the given task.

After 20 days of training, not only had he managed to upgrade Army Attack Tactics to level eight, he also stabilized his Life Power. He began to think about leveling up to bronze-level. Lin Xin was only left with 10 days of summer break and he planned to head out to kill and hunt monsters once Lin Xin started schooling again. He wanted to focus on choosing his Life Seed in the next few days. In the Life Seed encyclopedia, there were much more bronze-level monsters compared to iron-level monsters. Lin Huang was spoilt for choice.

He finally picked 11 Life Seeds but he still could not make up his mind as to which one he wanted. Initially, he planned to consult Yi Zheng but then he remembered that he had only broken through iron-level rank-2 after obtaining Army Attack Tactics just a month ago. It might make Yi Zheng skeptical if he consulted him about upgrading to bronze-level. He took a pass on that idea.

After some hesitation, Lin Huang sent Leng Yuexin a message.

"Ms. Leng, are you still traveling in Division3?"

"Yes, I'm still in Division3 right now but I'm going back within these few days. Is there anything you need?" Leng Yuexin replied promptly.

"I wanted to get your advice about which bronze-level Life Seed to pick. I still can't make up my mind." Lin Huang hoped Leng Yuexin would help him but there was no guarantee there.

"Send them over and I'll take a look." Leng Yuexin offered.

Lin Huang sent the 11 Life Seed pictures. Leng Yuexin had always kept his secrets and she never once questioned his intentions. Similarly now, she did not ask him for the reason he was looking for bronze-leveled Life Seeds so soon. Soon, Leng Yuexin initiated a video-call with him.

Leng Yuexin was wearing a white maxi dress, it matched her chilly aura while still maintaining her elegance.

"I've looked at the Life Seed you picked. Most of them belong to speed and defense categories, focusing mainly on upgrading your physique, which is unnecessary." Leng Yuexin did not even greet him when the call was connected.

"It's unnecessary?" Lin Huang frowned, what Leng Yuexin said had crushed the plan that he had in mind.

"Your physique can be trained before you become a transcendent. There are movement skills to strengthen your power, to increase your defensive abilities and even more movement skills to increase your speed..."

"Moreover, before you level-up to a transcendent, your body will transform, causing your physical traits to deteriorate to the bare minimum, taking with it all your physique-based skills. That was why a lot of people who had an amazing physique would have to spend time and resources to cultivate their Life Seed after they become a transcendent."

"So it doesn't matter even there are improvements in my physique increased now? Then wouldn't my Sly Hands be useless by then?"

"Sly Hands would still be useful. After leveling up to a transcendent, Sly Hands would transform into a secret skill called Demonic Hands ." Leng Yuexin explained patiently, "Demonic Hands is quite a useful secret skill."

"So, I do need to consider the things that would happen to my physique after I level up to transcendent in order to pick a suitable Life Seed?" Lin Huang had a new idea in his mind.

"That's right, the best ones would be those with effects to protect your life or to help you in scoring critical hits in your battles. These two types of secret skills are the most useful ones when you become a transcendent." Leng Yuexin nodded.

"But I wouldn't know which Life Seed will be the ones that will evolve into these secret skills. Is it possible to purchase such information from the Hunter Association?" Lin Huang was bummed.

"I'll send you a copy later and you can take a look at the Life Seed encyclopedia." After Leng Yuexin said this, she hesitated and continued, "Actually, since you're talking about bronze-level Life Seeds, I thought of a bronze-level monster that you could kill to get a special secret skill after you became a transcendent. I'm unsure if it's suitable for you."

"Do tell!" That got Lin Huang excited.

"This monster is called a Vile Marionette. It's not exactly powerful but it sure is tough as it has the ability to substitute its body with a faux body. After it is killed, you would get a Life Seed called Substitute, it belongs to the psychic element. Its powers are limited and can only be used three times a day to divert non-fatal attacks. It is less powerful than Life Seeds that come with recovery effects which is why most people shy away from choosing this Life Seed. However, once you have leveled up to a transcendent, it can be upgraded Scapegoat, a secret skill, which could help you escape death. It can be used nine times per day."

"Sounds great, I shall put this on my list." Lin Huang did not lack skills. Substitute was a great secret skill once he arrived at transcendent.

"I will send over information regarding secret skills, you can take a look at the rest and think about it."

Leng Yuexin sent over information on secret skills not long after she hung up the phone. Lin Huang sent her a thank you message and started reading. There were not much bronze-level Life Seeds that could evolve when he leveled up to transcendent. There were only 20 of them. Lin Huang flipped through the pages but he did not seem to find one he was satisfied with.

In the end, Scapegoat caught his attention.

"Secret Skill Name: Scapegoat"

"Secret Skill Effect: Substitute your body with a faux body to divert fatal attacks . Limited to nine uses per day."

"Obtaining Secret Skill: From evolving the Substitute Life Seed."

He compared the secret skill with the information he found in the Life Seed encyclopedia.

"Life Seed Name: Substitute"

"Skill Effect: Substitute your body with a faux body to divert fatal attacks . Limited to three uses per day."

"Obtaining Life Seed: By killing the Vile Marionette."

"This seems suitable. I'll pick this." Lin Huang decided on the Life Seed Leng Yuexin recommended.

After he closed the Life Seed encyclopedia and the information about secret skills, he began to read more about the Vile Marionette on the network.

"Vile Marionette, undead species, bronze-level rank-3, monsters living in groups..." He found the information shortly after, "Scattered in Fog Canyon, Forgotten Land, the first level of the Undying Black Abyss ...

Lin Huang had heard of the Undying Black Abyss long time ago. It was forbidden land. Only transcendents dared to enter the first level and made it back after that. He had never heard of Fog Canyon and Forgotten Land and so, he did some research. He found out that Forgotten Land was a prohibited area in Division 7. Many who discovered the area, transcendents included, would go missing. Those who made it back said there was nothing special about the place except the fact that it was a desert.

As for Fog Canyon, it was a level-4 wild zone.

Lin Huang picked Fog Canyon as his destination without thinking twice. He did not want to lose his life and he did not know much about this world. Even with the Goldfinger, he still needed a long time to learn and grow. After picking his destination, Lin Huang was completely relaxed for the coming days. He planned to leave after Lin Xin went back to school.

A week passed, it was a couple more days before Lin Xin's school would reopen. Lin Huang's communication device rang, it was Fatty, Yin Hangyi who requested a video-call. Lin Huang raised his eyebrow and picked up the call.

"Bro, what's up?" Fatty's big face occupied the entire screen.

"Same old, same old, but I think you have gained weight." Lin Huang had no idea where he picked up the habit of sticking his face so close to the screen even when he knew he had a big face.

"Would it kill you not to tell the truth?" Fatty snapped.

"Yes, I would suffer"

"Damn it, can't you talk properly. Alright then, I will cut to the chase then. I'm in need of help."

"Tell me, what is it?" Lin Huang was slightly concerned.

"I'm leveling up to bronze-level, I need your help! You should be iron-level now, am I right?"

"When?" Lin Huang was surprised that Fatty was planning to level up the same time as him.

"Within the next three to five days, I need a couple of days to



prepare myself."

Lin Huang frowned and Fatty noticed Lin Huang's facial expression, "If you have something going on, I'll get someone else to help me. Don't worry about it."

"It's nothing, I can postpone my stuff. Which Life Seed did you pick, where is it located?" Lin Huang assured Fatty.

"The location is a level-4 wild zone called Fog Canyon. The Life Seed monster that I picked is the Vile Marionette. I bet you have never heard of it before right?" Lin Huang did not expect Fatty to pick the same Life Seed monster as he was going to.

## Chapter 122: Reunion With Fatty

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"Don't tell anyone that I told you this. Although the Substitute Life Seed of the Vile Marionette doesn't seem that powerful, once I'm level up to a transcendent, this skill from this Life Seed will evolve into a secret skill that can save your life. I suggest you choose the same Life Seed as I do when you are leveling up to bronze-level in the future. I heard this from my bro who comes from royalty; it's a solid piece of information!" Fatty intentionally lowered his voice as he said this to Lin Huang.

Lin Huang figured if he went to Fog Canyon with Fatty and leveled to bronze-level, Fatty would definitely feel weird because he could not hide his tremendous level-up speed.

"Nevermind, I'll wait for him to level up and convince him to leave me while I stay in Fog Canyon to level up..." Lin Huang thought.

"This piece of information did not come by easily, I'm telling you because you're my bro. Aren't I the best?" Fatty boasted.

"Alright, I'll help you to finish your task. Once it's completed, you can leave while I stay on to settle some stuff." Lin Huang suggested.

"That sounds like a plan! Send me your contact details. I'll book the spaceship ticket to Baqi City for you. We will meet in Baqi City a day before." Fatty paid for Lin Huang's ticket since he asked for his help.

"It's alright, I'll book the ticket on my own, even if I'm not helping you, I would have to go there in a couple of days anyway." Lin Huang declined Fatty's generosity.

"I'll take you to a good meal once we're there then." Fatty wanted to repay Lin Huang's kindness.

"Sure, I'll see you next week." Lin Huang hung up the call.

"Brother, who is that whom you were talking to just now?" Lin Xin was picking up a parcel downstairs and saw Lin Huang on a video-call.

"He's a friend, he's asking me to join him in Fog Canyon next week."

"Is it far?" Lin Xin had never heard of the place before.

"It would take more than 20 days. He's leveling up to bronze-level and needs my help. I have something to settle in the same area as well so I agreed."

"Oh..." Lin Xin seemed upset.

"I'll send you the money for food and daily necessities; I will be back end of September. Whatever you need to buy, don't worry about the money." Lin Huang then transferred a million credit

points to her.

"One million?!" Lin Xin shrieked, "That's too much!"

"Not at all. I'm a hunter now, an iron-level monster carcass is selling for more than 10,000 credits and I can get at least 100,000 credits for a bronze-level monster carcass. I can make one million within minutes strolling through the wild zone." Credit points were no longer a concern to Lin Huang ever since he became a hunter. His concern was now Life Crystals, one million credit points were equivalent to 10 years' worth of Life Crystals.

"Is it a lucrative job to be a hunter?!" Although Lin Xin knew hunters made good money, she was not too clear about the occupation itself. Now, she finally understood why all hunters were so rich. "I want to be a hunter too when I grow up!"

"Why are you so competitive? You should focus on your studies for now. If you graduate from a prestigious school, you could have a better life than me." Lin Huang patted her head.

"I'm going back to my room to train my gun skills!"

"Go then. Rest up when you need to. Do everything in moderation for the best efficiency." Lin Huang reminded her.

"Okay!" Lin Xin shouted while she made her way upstairs.

Three days passed and Lin Xin's summer break came to an end.

She had officially joined the graduation class of Hunter Reserve College. As planned, Lin Huang headed to Baqi City a day earlier before venturing into Fog Canyon. He checked into a hotel near the central plaza and called Yin Hangyi.

"I'm here, where are you?" He called Fatty.

"I've arrived since yesterday!" Fatty sounded lazy, "I just woke up from a nap. Was just thinking of calling to check and see when you'll be arriving. Come to my hotel, I still have an empty room in my suite."

"I just checked into a hotel." Lin Huang did not want to sleep in the same room with the chatterbox.

"So fast? Which hotel are you staying in?" Fatty asked.

"I'm at Yun Man Hotel, what about you?"

"Oh that's such a coincidence; I'm staying at Yun Man Hotel too!" Fatty was excited.

"There are only three hotels around the central plaza that hunters would usually opt for." Lin Huang was not surprised at all.

"Which floor are you on?" Fatty asked.

"I'm on the 17th floor, what are you trying to do?"

"I'm going to visit you of course! I'm still on the 29th floor. Wait for me, I'm coming to you!" Fatty then asked, "Which room number?"

"Room 1721..." Lin Huang knew very well that if he did not tell him his room number, Fatty would definitely knock on each room to look for him.

Fatty rang his doorbell not long after he hung up. He tried to hug Lin Huang but Lin Huang dodged him.

"Wow! Great movement skill! Which level exactly are you on now?"

"Iron-level rank-2." Lin Huang lied.

"So fast?!" Fatty thought Lin Huang had just entered iron-level not long ago and would need some time to get to iron-level rank-2.

"I've got great qualities, there's nothing you can do about it." Lin Huang boasted.

"Which Life Skill are you training now?" Fatty was curious.

"Army Attack Tactics." Lin Huang admitted.

"That's expensive; didn't you tell me that you're poor?" Fatty

remembered that Lin Huang could not even afford a portable tent.

"I got it from the Union Government as a reward during the last monster horde invasion." Lin Huang smiled.

"Damn, what a steal!" Fatty thought about it and shook his head, "It would be useless if I got that Life Skill. I'm not as qualified as you and the effect of me training Army Attack Tactics would be worse than other Life Skills. For you, it's different. If you trained until level six, you would be comparable to an ultimate Life Skill."

"The possibilities of it being comparable to an Ultimate Life Skill is the reason I'm training Army Attack Tactics." Lin Huang did not want to tell Fatty that he had trained Army Attack Tactics to level eight.

After chatting for awhile, Fatty said, "I shall head back to my room now, I'll drop by your room around five. Let's go to dinner together! My treat!"

It was two o'clock in the afternoon after Fatty left. Lin Huang read some news about the monsters in Fog Canyon. Soon, it was five and Fatty arrived for dinner.

"What would you like to eat?"

"Anything will do, as long as it's delicious." Lin Huang was not fussy.

"Since you're not expecting something like fine-dining, I shall bring you to this one then." Fatty waved his hand, "Come with me!"

After walking for 10 minutes, they arrived at a hotel called Guest Hotel. Lin Huang had heard about this hotel chain before. They were huge and were headquartered in Baqi City.

As Lin Huang followed behind Fatty as they entered the hotel, the staff greeted Fatty. Lin Huang figured he was probably a regular customer. They headed to a private room. Lin Huang drank tea while Fatty ordered the dishes.

A while later, Lin Huang asked to be excused to the restroom.

On the way to the restroom, Lin Huang saw a man in a chef uniform walk out of the restroom. He looked so much like Fatty but was much bigger and taller. He looked like he was in his 40s, Lin Huang found that strange.

When he returned, Lin Huang could not help but ask, "Fatty, is the hotel chef your relative?"

"What's wrong?" Fatty lifted his head and asked. Lin Huang then told him about the middle-aged chef that he saw earlier.

"So you saw my dad? I thought he was not around today, it's your lucky day!" Fatty blurted.



"Your dad is the chef?" Lin Huang knew nothing about Fatty's family.

"He's also the hotel owner." Fatty explained.

"Ahh is that so." Lin Huang thought that no matter how much a chef earned, it would still not be enough to upgrade to iron-level but since his dad was the chain hotel's owner, everything made sense.

"Have a seat, I'll go to the kitchen and ask my dad to make his best dishes. You'll love them!" Lin Huang had tried Fatty's cooking before, it was good. He must have learned it from his dad. Lin Huang was excited to try the food Fatty's dad was going to prepare.

Fatty left to the kitchen and came back 10 minutes later. He smiled while saying to Lin Huang, "My dad has something to settle in Baqi City today, that's why he dropped by the hotel. He saw that the hotel was crowded so he decided to help. You're lucky to have bumped into him."

"Although my dad owns this place, I have to pay whenever I eat here. There's no discount for me, it's a rule my dad set. But since you're here today, he made this meal complimentary."

Lin Huang was embarrassed to hear that, "It's not good that I broke the rules..."

"No you didn't, he put the bill on his own tab. I know him very

well." Fatty explained.

The food was served after awhile. The food portion was simple and small. There were three dishes and a bowl of soup but Lin Huang could tell that his dad put a lot of effort to prepare them. Every bite was unforgettable, Lin Huang had only tasted food this good back at the Stable Residence. Lin Huang was impressed with his cooking skills!

After dinner, Fatty's dad met with them. Lin Huang knew that his dad had given them the best. It was a thank you dinner for taking care of Fatty.

"Don't worry, I will bring Fatty back in one piece." Lin Huang thought.

# Chapter 123: Lin Huang's Ambition

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It was a sunny day on the 2nd of September in Baqi City. The Demonic Crystal Spaceship landed on the central plaza at 10 in the morning. Other Demonic Crystal Spaceships that took different routes docked at the same place too.

After scanning their tickets, Lin Huang and Yin Hangyi boarded the spaceship. They were staying on different floors, Lin Huang on the sixth floor while Yin Hangyi was on the eighth floor. However, Fatty loved Lin Huang's company. Besides sleeping, he spent most of the time in Lin Huang's room.

"Hey Fatty, have you ever thought of inheriting your dad's hotel one day?" Lin Huang was annoyed.

"The food ordinary chefs are allowed to handle is limited. If I become a Food Hunter, I'll make even more delicious food. That's my desire in the food industry." Fatty explained, "Besides, I hope that I could do even better than my dad which is why he supports me fully in becoming a Food Hunter."

"What about you, why do you want to be a hunter?" Fatty asked him back.

"I'm not a fan of placing my fate in someone else's hands. It's not 100% safe in the foothold, even C-grade ones that have a transcendent as their guardian. After all, transcendent are still human beings, they too make mistakes, they too could die in battles. Instead of putting my life in a transcendent's hand, I

would rather take control of my own life. That's why I aspire to be stronger so that I could protect myself as well as the people around me." Lin Huang spoke with passion and then thought again. There was a deeper reason why he desired to be strong.

"It's not all about insecurity. I would love to see how big this world is. Before I become a transcendent, I am confined to explore the world within the safety zone. Not only I would like to discover other safe zones, I would also like to see the world outside those safety zones, those areas yet to be explored by humans since the new epoch..."

"What's wrong with you, I'd rather spend all my life in the safety zone than to go anywhere chaotic. About exploring the yet to be discovered, I would let someone else do it." Fatty crossed his hands.

Lin Huang laughed and thought that what he said made him look ambitious.

It took them 11 days to travel in the Demonic Crystal Spaceship and finally, they arrived at their destination - foothold No.7C29, Fog City. Fog City was 1,200 kilometers from the Fog Canyon, which was the nearest foothold with people from the canyon. It was September 13th at four o'clock in the afternoon when the Demonic Crystal Spaceship in Fog City. Lin Huang and Yin Hangyi got off the spaceship and checked into a hotel together.

"There's a level-3 wild zone along the way to the Fog Canyon. It would be dangerous if just the both of us went, I will get a team from Adventurer Paradise." Fatty said this after completing the

hotel registration but Lin Huang did not say anything. He could just get the Alexandrian Eagle to bring the both of them there but he did not want to reveal his true ability. The reason the silver-level and gold-level adventurers in Adventurer Paradise were willing to bring people along with them was not because of money. It was a service provided by the Adventurer Paradise that every now and then they could bring other hunters of lower level along on their missions to give them good exposure as part of their recruitment drive, hoping that they will consider joining the club in future.

10 minutes later, Fatty called Lin Huang on his communication device. Lin Huang picked up thinking it was strange, "What's wrong?"

"I have found a team, they are departing now. They are in a rush, come and meet us at the east gate!" Fatty hung up the phone without waiting for Lin Huang to respond. He thought it was strange as there was no need for Fatty to rush since there were a couple of adventurers who would team up with other people into the Fog Canyon every day. The sun was setting, if they were to depart now, the both of them would have to stay a night in Fog Canyon on their own.

Lin Huang got out of the hotel right away and rode on the Viridian Wolf to the east gate. When he arrived, he saw fatty and three other silver-level adventurers from afar riding on their mounts while Fatty was standing. He did not look too good.

"What is this about, Fatty?" Lin Huang frowned and asked.

Hearing Lin Huang's voice, all of them turned around and looked at him.

"You sure are slow, can we leave now?" The leader was dark and skinny. He glared at Lin Huang then pulled the rope on his monster and left. The other two adventurers followed him. The one in the was slightly bald while the last adventurer looked younger. He had a goatee, he then yelled at Fatty, "Since your friend has a mount, you don't have to share with us anymore."

Lin Huang pulled Fatty onto the Viridian Wolf and asked while frowning, "What exactly happened?"

"Stop asking, let's go." Fatty sat behind Lin Huang, he shook his head helplessly.

Lin Huang then patted Viridian Wolf and chased after the adventurers. Three of them were silver-level adventurers riding on ground rhino, a bronze-level monster. It was a common mount, it was not too fast but it was quite resilient.

The three adventurers were riding a cheap mount as the price of a Ground Rhino was much cheaper than a Viridian Wolf. They were probably jealous and left right after they saw Lin Huang on a Viridian Wolf.

"You said you were poor, then how did you afford a Viridian Wolf as your mount! The price of this mount is comparable with silver-level equipment." Fatty finally got over being mad at Lin Huang.

Lin Huang did not tell him that it was his summoned monster so he pulled a fast one, "I was lucky that day, bought it at a cheap price."

"How much?" Fatty was genuinely asking.

"Cost one bronze-level equipment." Lin Huang lied again. Not only did Fatty buy what he said, the three silver-level adventurers as well.

They did not look too happy as they traded in two bronze-level equipment to get their rhino. A Viridian Wolf cost at least one silver-level equipment but Lin Huang got it at a much cheaper price.

"Young man, I will buy your Viridian Wolf for two bronze-level equipment." The man with goatee shouted.

"I'm not selling it." Lin Huang declined without even thinking.

The man with goatee glared at Lin Huang. Although Lin Huang did not know what exactly happened before he came, he did notice Fatty was silent during the entire journey. He figured something must have happened involving these three men, probably Fatty was threatened.

They could have arrived at Fog Canyon in an hour but now Fatty had found a team that did not have a flying mount like Lin Huang did, causing a delay in the journey for about eight hours. Lin

Huang was upset.

Fortunately, the three adventurers did what they were supposed to do. They killed all the monsters in their way. However, they left no dead bodies behind and kept all of them in their storage space. They must be really broke. Fatty seemed to be more and more uncomfortable. The strongest one among the three was the dark and skinny man. He was a silver-level rank-2 while the other two were silver-level rank-1. Lin Huang just had to summon Charcoal, Bai or Tyrant, and killing them would be a piece of cake.

After traveling for more than six hours, the dark, skinny leader suddenly slowed down.

"It's the level-3 wild zone ahead; we'll have to walk across without our mounts to avoid catching the attention of the monsters in the wild zone."

Lin Huang was shocked that they wanted to be 'careful' in the level-3 wild zone. silver-level adventurers should have no fear of monsters in level-3 wild zones.

Since the three of them kept their mounts, fatty patted Lin Huang's back, "Let's keep it." Lin Huang then kept his Viridian Wolf into his storage space. There was really no difference whether he keeps the Viridian Wolf or not because its footsteps were lighter than that of humans. On the other hand, the rhinos were loud on the road. But he figured that it would be rude if he rode on Viridian Wolf while the rest walked.



"It is more than 300 kilometers, do we have to walk?" Even if they ran, Lin Huang and Fatty's speed of iron-level coupled with the distance would take them at least seven more hours.

"You guys can ride on your Viridian Wolf, don't ask for help if monsters attack the both of you." The dark and skinny man glared at Lin Huang.

"Lin Huang, it's okay, we will run over there. It's too dangerous to be here and alone." Fatty advised.

Since it was Fatty who asked for help from the team, Lin Huang did not want to embarrass him so he agreed but he was definitely irritated, "Let's go then."

The three adventurers together with Lin Huang and Fatty ran at 50 kilometers per hour. Fatty was panting heavily after running for two hours.

"Fatty, if you can't take it, you can ride on Viridian Wolf." Lin Huang suggested.

"I'm okay..." Fatty waved his hand.

Three hours later, Fatty was slowing down. Lin Huang got him to ride on the Viridian Wolf's back while he ran with the other three. Soon another three hours passed, they had finally passed the level-3 will zone and arrived at the canyon. They were covered by the thin fog at the mouth of the canyon. Fatty got down from the

Viridian Wolf and thanked the other three adventurers. "Why are you thanking us? You haven't paid us yet, three Life Crystals please." The dark and skinny man grinned at Lin Huang and Fatty while the other two adventurers stood behind them, blocking their way.

## Chapter 124: Attack

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Three standard Life Crystal units were equivalent to 300 years worth of Life Crystal pieces. The absurd request from the dark and skinny man stunned Fatty. He did not expect the three adventurers to do such a thing. Lin Huang asked calmly, "So are you robbing us now?"

"How is this robbing? You are paying us wages for bringing you to the Fog Canyon where you can find the Life Seed monster you desired. This is a fair trade!" The bald man who blocked their way from the back said.

"Would you let us go if we say we don't need your help anymore?" Lin Huang knew this was extortion! There was nothing that they could do even if they filed their complaint to Adventurer Paradise.

"If you insist to do that, I will call to complain." Fatty threatened.

"Fatty, there's a reason why we're blocking your way." The man with goatee laughed at Fatty's useless threat.

The three adventurers did not stop Fatty from calling. As Fatty opened the communication page, there was no signal at all.

"The both of you have two choices. The first one, both of you give three Life Crystals each and we'll bring you into Fog Canyon to find your Life Seed monster and then, send you guys back to Fog City in one piece. The both of you will have to swear that you

won't tell anyone about this and we shall forget about what happened here. It's good for all of us." The dark and skinny man was confident that they would be obedient, he raised his price from three Life Crystals in total to three Life Crystals each.

"If we promised you, would you believe us?" Lin Huang knew he would not let them go just like that.

"Of course not, you will have to chant after me." The dark and skinny man then showed his tongue and black inscriptions appeared on his tongue.

"You have humiliated all the wordmasters." Lin Huang could recognize the patterns were the sigils of a wordmaster. A wordmaster was a rare profession. They draw their strength from language and they could use languages to curse or to control people's action. Some could even change the course of fate or cause death.

A wordmaster usually made good money. This dark and skinny man must be a lousy wordmaster or else he would not need to resort to robbing them. "I've multiplied the price to six Life Crystals now."

"What's the second option?" Lin Huang ignored him and asked with his eyebrow raised.

"The second option would be to kill the both of you and leave your dead bodies in this canyon for the monsters to feast on so we leave no traces behind. We will go back three days later and tell the

Adventurer Paradise that the both of you did not meet us at the promised time." He explained coldly.

Fatty was scared, he shrieked, "Okay, we pick the first one!"

"Wait." Lin Huang stopped Fatty looked at the three of them straight into their eyes, "These two options are not good enough, give me a third one."

"Stupid kid, I will just finish you off right now!" The bald man shouted.

"It's alright, let him talk." The dark and skinny man stopped the bald man.

"The third option would be that all three of you leave right now and we will forget this ever happened. You never saw us, we never knew you." Lin Huang continued, "This is the best option I can and will offer. If you don't accept it, you will regret it very soon."

"Are you a member of royalty?" The three of them frowned, they figured only someone that came from royalty would dare to speak like that.

"That's not right. His name is Lin Huang, your family name is Lin!" The dark and skinny man shook his head, "There's no royal family with the family name of Lin in the entire Division7! Are you trying to trick us?!"

"I've never once said that I'm a member of royalty and I am not tricking you. I'm just a person that you can't afford to offend. I'm suggesting that you consider the third option." Lin Huang stood his ground.

"Boss, why are you still hesitating? This kid is tricking us! If he really is powerful, he would have attacked us since the beginning instead of being disrespectful to us after we helped them!" The bald man complained.

Hearing what the bald man said, the dark and skinny man thought he made sense and shouted

"How dare you tried to trick us, let's kill them!"

The three of them then dashed towards Lin Huang and Fatty with their weapons thrusting forward.

"Sigh..." Lin Huang sighed helplessly. Bai appeared before Lin Huang with silver hair and a black mask on. His four Blood Power wings transformed into three sharp knives and plunged towards the three men. He was so fast that Lin Huang could not catch up.

Three red strokes flashed in the air. The man with the goatee and the bald man's silver-level weapons broke in half. They were sliced into half from their waists and were dead in one hit. The gold-level weapon that the leader was holding was stuck to Bai's wing and was tossed into the air. He saw his two brothers cut into halves while he was flying midair, he had goosebumps. He rolled over and ran into the Foggy Canyon.

"I hate to say I told you so." Lin Huang shook his head. He did not even bother to look at the dead bodies. Since the both of them were so poor, they would not have anything valuable on them. Fatty was stunned, he did not move as he watched. It took him awhile to snap out of it. He looked at Bai, "Is this a vampire?"

"I think so." Lin Huang did not plan to explain to him that Bai had evolved into a blood demon. The less he knew the better.

"A four-winged vampire, isn't this a gold-level monster? How did you manage to master such a monster?" Fatty saw the four Blood Power wings on Bai's back so he asked.

"It's not gold-level, it's mutated." Lin Huang shook his head.

"He managed to kill silver-level within seconds, how is he not gold-level?" Fatty was starting to doubt Lin Huang's combat strength.

"Stop asking, let's go in." Lin Huang interrupted him.

"Will that other guy be waiting to attack us at the canyon mouth?" Fatty was worried. It was foggy everywhere, they could not see anything ahead.

"Don't worry, I'm sure he is afraid of us now and will keep a distance from us." Lin Huang shook his head.

"I'm not sure if they have anything useful on them. They are silver-level after all." Fatty asked.

"You can go and take a look first. Take whatever you want." Lin Huang was not interested.

"Remember! You're the one who said that!" Fatty was over the moon and ran towards the dead bodies. However, he did not find anything valuable on them. Awhile later, he stood up and looked at Lin Huang, "It seems like you knew there was nothing useful on them all this time."

"They were collecting each and every iron-level monster carcass, why would you think they would have anything valuable on them?"

"That makes sense." Fatty just recalled them collecting the monster bodies earlier.

"It's almost dawn now, let's look for a place to rest our feet." Lin Huang did not recall Bai but got him to lead the way while he and Fatty followed behind.

Fog surrounded the canyon and anything 10 meters away was not visible. People would usually be terrified in situations like these but with Bai, Lin Huang was not worried if something attacked from the fog. In a level-4 wild zone like this, only monsters that were gold-level would threaten Bai. As long as they did not go deep into the canyon, they would most probably not encounter gold-level monsters.



"Fatty, why did you follow them at such a last minute and in a rush? Did they threaten you?" Lin Huang needed to know what happened earlier.

"Yea, I went to the reception at Adventurer Paradise and told the receptionist that I was looking for a team. They approached me, saying that they needed someone to follow them to their mission, it was urgent and they needed to leave immediately. Of course, I rejected them because we had just arrived in Fog City awhile ago, I needed time to rest and spend some time to find a team who owned flying mounts."

"They then told me that as long as they were around, other teams would not dare take us along. It could take months! So I went back to the receptionist and she assured that the three are old timers. They told me that their abilities were only mediocre but whenever they were in charge, even adventurers that were gold-level would not dare offend them. I can wait for another one month but I didn't want to waste your time, so I agreed to join their team."

"I thought of tolerating them until we arrived at the destination because we would be free... I didn't expect them to lie about their abilities or attempt to rob and even trying to kill us!"

"If I knew you had such a powerful summoning monster, I wouldn't have looked for a team in the first place." Fatty said and peeked at Bai, he was envious of Lin Huang.

"I wouldn't want anyone to know about my abilities unless if it

were life or death." Lin Huang explained.

"Don't worry, I'm just talkative but I can keep secrets." Fatty zipped his lips.

"I would be crazy to believe you..." Lin Huang thought to himself.

Suddenly, Bai stopped walking and pointed at a wall. Lin Huang nodded, "Alright, we will get some rest here. Please dig us a hole."

Soon, Bai dug a cave. Bai had purposely dug the cave to be narrow at the entrance and spacious on the inside. They bent down as they entered the cave. They were satisfied with the cave. Fatty took out his portable tent and set it up. Lin Huang then recalled Bai and summoned the Demonic Dandelion Vine. He got it to seal the cave with its vines. Both of them entered their tents to rest after a long day.

# Chapter 125: Fog Canyon

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Lin Huang slept from 4 a.m. to 11 a.m., he managed to catch up with some rest from their long journey last night. When he got out of his tent, he could still hear Fatty was still snoring loudly in his tent. Lin Huang then patted his tent, "Fatty, wake up. If we don't move now, we will be wasting yet another day." Fatty continued snoring.

"Fatty, wake up. Monsters are attacking the cave! Quick!" Lin Huang shook Fatty's tent hard.

Fatty sat up and went to get dressed instantly, then got out of the tent. He asked Lin Huang in shock, "The cave entrance is blocked! How are we going to escape?!"

"Escape what? There's no monster at all, I just needed to wake you up." Lin Huang said casually.

"Damn you!" Fatty then took off his clothes and put them on properly. He was mad.

"Don't you wear clothes when you sleep in a wild zone like this?"

"I can't sleep when I'm fully clothed."

Lin Huang did not bother to say anything. He then kept his tent and went to clean up.

The portable tent could be shrunk to the size of a broad bean. There was a tiny button in the middle and when it was pressed it would expand into a tent with a sleeping bag, pillow, and eye shade. As soon as the tent expanded to its normal size, one could scan their identity to enter it. The same applied when keeping the tent. As long as there were living beings in the tent, including a mosquito, the tent cannot be shrunk.

Because of that, some portable tents were much more expensive than the others as it came with automatic cleaning functions. As long as the tent is activated, it would automatically kill all the insects in the tent. The entire process would only take a maximum of three minutes. The tent that Lin Huang bought was a high-end tent, its price was comparable with a piece of bronze-level equipment.

After he sorted out his tent, Fatty approached him with a packet of snacks and a milk-based drink.

"It's not safe to cook in a level-4 wild zone, we have to survive on snacks now."

Lin Huang nodded and took the food from him. He brought snacks that he ordered from the network before the trip but he was sure that it would not taste better than the snacks Fatty had prepared.

He ripped open the packet of snack; besides dried meat, there was also dried vegetable. Lin Huang raised his eyebrow, "I didn't know that having a balanced diet was important to you."

"I cooked the dried meat and my dad prepared the dried vegetable. He insisted that I bring it along. If you like it, you can have mine too."

"I've never seen you eat vegetable during the assessment." Lin Huang thought Fatty was a carnivore.

"A man once said 'a man who doesn't like meat is not a real man'." Fatty got himself the perfect excuse for not eating any vegetables.

Fatty did not make that up. Lin Huang had actually seen the quote on the network before and thought it was ridiculous. It was said by a transcendent in the past to mock another transcendent that he despised. He then became a demigod and that was how the quote went viral.

"Loving meat and not eating vegetable are two separate matters. In your case, it's called being picky." Lin Huang corrected him. He tasted the dried vegetable, it was good.

Lin Huang was done with breakfast and Fatty had finished cleaning himself.

"What milk is this? It's nice." Lin Huang asked after drinking the last drop of milk-based drink.

"This is the milk of five-flower cow on the Snowy Mountains, it

tastes amazing. I got it from my dad and I brought 10 bottles along with me. If I don't treat you like my bro, I wouldn't share this good stuff with you."

Lin Huang had heard of the five-flower cow on the Snowy Mountains. They were one of the best cows in Division 7. Although the monster was just iron-level, its milk quality was high that it was comparable to the price of a relic. It barely produces any milk though. It can only produce two to three liters of milk per day and each liter can only be sold up to a price of a bronze-level equipment.

That cup of milk that Lin Huang drank earlier was almost the price of two pieces of iron-level equipment. He initially planned to buy the milk as a thirst-quencher during the summer which was why he asked Fatty about it. However, after he was told that it was the five-flower cow, Lin Huang decided otherwise.

"I should have known that only rich brats could afford this..."

After breakfast, Lin Huang recalled the Demonic Dandelion Vine and the both of them got out of the cave. He then summoned Bai again,

"How many summoning monsters do you have?" Fatty asked.

"Three to four I guess." Lin Huang said as he recalled Fatty had only seen four of his summoning monsters.

"The vampire should be the most powerful among all, am I right?" Fatty remembered the scene when Bai killed the duo earlier.

"Hmm."

"I'm envious of you Imperial Censors, you don't even have to fight on your own. Powerful monsters and cool flying mounts..." Fatty was envious of Lin Huang's gift as an Imperial Censor.

"Everyone has gifts of their own, thus, the different development goals. It's great that you're going to be a Food Hunter, you could own your restaurant, many hunters would dine at your place and Life Crystals would come your way. That's so much better than us who have to be out there fighting and sweating. Your work is much more relaxed and safe." Lin Huang thought Fatty's dream was desirable too.

"That's true; I prefer living a stable life. I would be exhausted if I'll have to fight every day." Fatty thought what Lin Huang said made sense and he should be contented with what he was gifted with.

They left the cave that Bai dug and ventured into the Fog Canyon. If there was no fog, the structure of the canyon was complicated like a circular maze from an aerial view. There were monsters of different strengths and species that were spread out in different areas of the maze. The closer they got to the middle of the maze, the higher the combat level the monsters were.

The Vile Marionette that Lin Huang and Fatty were looking for was located at the border of the maze. However, they did not have the exact coordinates, only the rough direction. The area was covered in a fog all year long, making it hard for people to identify the direction they were headed in. There was no connection or signal on the communication device, they could not locate anything in the maze, including themselves.

Bai was leading the way so they wouldn't get lost. Their journey was smooth-sailing because Bai would kill any monster they encountered with brevity.

"Turn left at the 12th fork... It should be this one." The duo had been walking for more than three hours. Lin Huang did not say much when they were on the way and allowed Fatty to lead. After all, he was here to help him level up to bronze-level. It would be strange if Lin Huang knew the way better than Fatty did.

Although Fatty noticed Bai's unusual combat strength, he thought Lin Huang had some special way to train his monsters but little did he know... how powerful Lin Huang actually was.

"If what I read was correct, there should be a foothold with a Vile Marionette not far from this left turn." Fatty lowered his voice as he said to Lin Huang, "Be quiet, these monsters live in groups. All we have to do it to lure one or two of them out."

They slowed down their pace and walked towards the fork on the left. After 20 minutes of walking, they arrived at a dead end but they did not see any monsters. They then went back to a spacious area and realized there were traces of battle before they came. It



seemed to have happened not long ago.

"The Vile Marionette foothold should be here but all the monsters have been killed by someone else, we are too late." Lin Huang concluded.

"Since there's none here, let's go to the other foothold." Fatty did not dwell on this too much.

Two hours later, they found the sign near the second foothold.

"A two-meter gigantic rock of the shape of a sphere, it should be this one!" Fatty pointed at the sphere-shaped gigantic rock at the crossing.

"If we turn right from here and walk for another 10 minutes, we will arrive at the second Vile Marionette foothold."

"Let's go." Lin Huang nodded and proceeded to let Bai lead the way.

10 minutes later, they arrived at yet another empty area. There were no monsters. Similar to the first foothold, there were no traces of battle that happened not long ago.

"Someone killed all the monsters here as well?!" Fatty groaned, "Who are these people, why did they target the same monsters that we're looking for?"

"Fatty, did you tell the three adventurers about the Life Seed monster that you picked?" Lin Huang sensed it could be the dark and skinny man who did this.

Fatty was stunned and nodded his head, "They asked me so I thought it would be no harm if I told them. Are you saying they did this?!"

"It's very possible." Lin Huang nodded.

"We have encountered attacks of other monsters along the way but none of them were completely killed. The person who took the same route as us did not kill all the other monsters along the way, which shows his target was not to collect dead monster bodies but he killed all the Life Seed monsters that you wanted too. It seems like he did it on purpose."

"That makes sense." Fatty nodded at Lin Huang's analysis. "So what do we do now? What if he killed all the Vile Marionettes in the foothold..."

"I don't think so. His speed is only slightly faster than us. From the traces, I think he was here just about an hour ago. Let's skip the third foothold and go straight to the fourth foothold instead. Maybe we can catch up with him!"

There were only four footholds with Vile Marionettes in the entire canyon. If they did not make it there before dark and the other man did, Fatty would not be the only one who would have to

change his choice of Life Seed monster. Lin Huang would be dragged into this matter as well.

"Alright, let's go straight to the fourth foothold!"

## Chapter 126: Purple Crow

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Song Nan had spent more than 30 years of his life in Fog City. He had seen many things in his time, and he had not an ounce of fear for anyone he encountered. Even gold-level hunters in Fog City did not want to offend him as he was well known for executing revenge plots on his enemies. Although he was not exceptionally powerful, he surely was a sly man.

However, Lin Huang managed to tackle him and kill two of his men. He was sure to not let him off the hook without a painful reminder of his actions.

"I'm going to kill all the Vile Marionettes in the canyon, see how those two damn kids going to get their Life Seed! So what if they have a vampire? I'll get some supplies to fight the vampire once I get back to the city. Your vampire will be useless against me then!" he plotted aloud.

Song Nan shuddered a little when he recalled the moment he saw his two men getting killed by Bai. He was afraid of Bai but to him, if he wanted to conquer his fear, he would have to face it. As long as he killed the vampire, he would rid himself of this fear completely. Before he did that, he wanted to kill all the Vile Marionettes in the four footholds. There were only four footholds with Vile Marionettes in Fog Canyon. Song Nan had already cleared two footholds and he left no bodies behind.

Just when he was on his way to the third foothold, two shadows passed by his head and appeared before him. It was a man and a lady. The man was 2.2 meters tall while the lady stood at an

average height and built. They dressed strangely, both wearing black capes with a black hat on their heads.

"Who are you?" Song Nan looked at the duo with a posture ready for an attack. They appeared out of nowhere and he could not sense their auras at all.

"We're on the same team. Let's walk together," the lady said as she licked her red lips seductively.

"Did the kid send you?" Song Nan asked firmly. He thought it was a trap and the duo was sent by Lin Huang to fight him.

"What kid?" the tall man questioned him as a frown formed on his face.

"Stop talking nonsense with him, let's just get him," the lady said and leapt up high off the ground.

Song Nan was shocked. His face turned pale when he saw the logo on the lady's cape as she spun around mid-air. The black cape was flowing with the wind, and there was a white circle in the middle with a purple crow standing on a branch. Song Nan recognized that they were members of the Purple Crow organization. All hunters and adventurers would definitely have heard of the Purple Crows as they were the top criminal organization in the Underworld.

There was a saying on the network about the organization that

went, 'Blood will be shed when the purple crow cries'. In the Underworld, the Purple Crow was considered an elite organization. They did not have many members, but all of them were transcendents and all of them possessed terrifying abilities in their areas of expertise.

If Song Nan was just a bully in the smaller footholds, the Purple Crow was an enhanced version of the Mafia. Each and every official member was a world-ranked professional killer. As he stood facing the tall man, Song Nan was like a child being picked on by the grown man. He did not have the ability to defend himself at all. The tall man grabbed him by the collar and the duo flew Song Nan all the way to the middle of Fog Canyon. They then landed next to a crystal clear lake.

"You sure it's here?" the tall man asked as he tossed Song Nan on the ground like a rag doll and looked at the lady.

"Of course, how would I not know everything I planned for?" The lady said mockingly and rolled her eyes at him. "Scoot aside, you big oaf", she continued.

The man kicked Song Nan hard and he flew backwards. He then took a few steps back himself and stood still. Song Nan was immobilised with a spell the man had casted earlier and he could not move a muscle. He could not do anything when the man kicked him. The lady with red lips stood by the lake, squatted down and placed her palm on top of the lake.

Soon, the lake started boiling. The lady retracted her hand, took a few steps back and watched the lake as it changed. The clear lake

became red while it boiled. As time went by, it became a darker shade of red and soon, it was a bloody crimson red. Song Nan was getting uncomfortable looking at the lake as it changed.

"How is it?" the man said as he walked next to the lady with red lips.

"I have been preparing this Netherworldly Water for 12 years. From the color, it looks like it's ready," the lady replied with a nod and shifted her gaze to Song Nan. "Didn't we bring a guinea pig to test it out? We shall know after we toss him in," she said, a menacing tone to her voice.

Song Nan heard them loud and clear. However, all he could do was to look at them helplessly. The man picked him up by the scruff of his neck.

"Unseal him before throwing him in or else we won't be able to see if the experiment shows its results," the lady reminded her partner. Seconds later, the spell on Song Nan was lifted. He begged with the duo immediately, "Please don't throw me in, I can get other guinea pigs for you. I know there are two kids in this canyon that'll work really well..." Seeing the boiling bloody water alone was terrifying enough for him. He knew he'd be screwed if he ended up in the lake.

"I only need one guinea pig," the lady said coldly as she looked at Song Nan with an expressionless face, like he was already dead.

"Toss him in!" she shouted.

The man tossed Song Nan into the lake without hesitation. The duo stood by the lake and observed. The gold-level equipment on him glowed a bright gold and seemed to get absorbed into his body. The duo was stunned by that. In the boiling water, there were strange changes to Song Nan's body. His skin turned green, his skinny body became muscular, his hands and legs were growing...

Around three minutes later, the changes to his body stopped. Waves of bloody water pushed him to the side of the lake. The two transcendents were excited as they looked at the figure that was once Song Nan, completely transformed on the bank.

"I'm surprised that he actually combined with his equipment and transformed into a Mutated Sword Thrall!" the man said. The idea was unbelievable.

"That's something new. Let's search for some guinea pigs to experiment with along with the combinations of equipment when we get back," the lady squealed. She was excited too.

"Should we bring him back?" The man asked.

"It's okay, let him die here. We just needed to experiment. We'll come back a year from now and see if he's still alive. If he is, we'll study his survival in the wild," the lady said. The man shook his head and said, "It seems like the effect of the Netherworldly Water was not exactly what I expected. We can accept it for now," he said.

The man nodded and took out a box that was a sixth of his palm.



He then tossed the box in the air. The opening of the box faced the middle of the lake, and the boiling bloody water was swallowed by the box. Within two minutes, the entire lake was sucked into the red box with no water left behind.

The box then flew back to the man's hand. He closed the box and kept it in his storage face.

"It's done, can we leave now?" The man asked as he looked at the lady.

"Wait, I found something interesting..." the lady smirked while she looked at something far away.

## Chapter 127: Encountering Purple Crow

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To be able to reach the fourth Vile Marionettes foothold before the dark and skinny man did, Lin Huang summoned the Alexandrian Eagle. They arrived at their destination within minutes. "It should be somewhere around here, let's look for it." Lin Huang recalled Alexandrian Eagle and said to Fatty.

"How would you know the fourth foothold is around here?" Fatty asked. He then saw a tall fir tree not too far away and recognized that as a landmark for the fourth foothold.

"I was afraid that we might be lost here so before the trip, I checked out all the locations of the footholds," Lin Huang said to him, which was actually just an excuse.

"If I knew you had checked out the locations, I wouldn't have had to lead the way..." Fatty whined. Doing extra work was always a burden to him and he did not deny how lazy he was. However, since he encountered Lin Huang who was as responsible a person could be, he knew could trust him with his life. That was the reason he slept soundly in a wild zone like this. If he was not looking for the Life Seeds himself, he would not have looked at the map at all and Lin Huang would have lead the way.

"There's a fork on the left of the fir tree, if we walk along it for another two or three minutes, there should be a fork to the right. We should see the fourth foothold once we turn right," Lin Huang said as he pointed at the fir tree.

"That's the same route I saw on the map," Fatty replied and nodded in response.

Lin Huang activated Boundless Vision and saw a couple Vile Marionettes gathered not far from where they were. All of them had rectangular heads while everything below their heads was similar to a human. However, their limbs were longer than humans and they were two meters tall. They walked on both legs. Their bodies seemed to be made of wood. If they were many times smaller, they would look exactly like dolls.

Lin Huang finally knew why would they were called Vile Marionettes when he saw their faces. Their eyes, nose, and lips were all messed up like toy parts which were displaced. What was even weirder was the placement of their eyes, nose, and lips. Each one puppet's face arranged differently. They each had different characteristics to their own vile features.

"If they were shrunk and sold at toy stores, I don't think anybody would want to buy them. They look scary," Lin Huang thought to himself.

"Fatty, you wait here. I'll get Bai to catch one of them from over here," Lin Huang said to Fatty as he led Bai into the fog.

In the fog, the Vile Marionettes did not sense that danger was closing in as they wandered around. Suddenly, a couple of red beams flashed by and one of the Vile Marionettes disappeared. Soon, Lin Huang was back with Bai with a Vile Marionette that was locked in a pair of Blood Power wings.

"Fatty, I have brought this back for you. You can just stab it to death," Lin Huang provided Fatty with a full-service treatment.

Fatty smirked when he saw a Vile Marionette tied up like a dumpling, "This could be the easiest upgrade in history!" He said.

The level-4 equipment in his hand transformed into a battle sword and he slashed the Vile Marionette's neck. The puppet's head fell to the ground. However, the body turned into a piece of wood and appeared from the Blood Power wings. Lin Huang and Fatty were stunned. The Blood Power back extended again and captured the body. Fatty did the same thing and slashed at the piece of wood but it turned into another piece of wood again and began to run away.

No matter how fast it was, it could not beat Bai. It was then captured by Bai again while Fatty repeated the same thing he did...

Five attempts later, the Vile Marionettes's body no longer transformed into a piece of wood. After that, Bai let go of its body and white Life Light splashed out of the Vile Marionette towards Fatty. The Life Light Baptism took three minutes, and then Fatty was finally bronze-level.

"So how is your Life Seed?" Lin Huang walked towards him and asked.

"It's all good. Exactly the same as what I read on the network," Fatty nodded. "I have done what I came to do, we can head back to

Fog City now. We'll head back to Baqi City once you have settled your stuff," he continued.

"You don't have to wait for me. I'll be needing quite a few days here," Lin Huang said. He did not expect Fatty to stay with him.

"It's okay. Since I have already upgraded to bronze level, there's no need for me to leave immediately. If that's not convenient for you, I will stay in the hotel to train my Life Skills. Let me know once you have settled your stuff and we will leave Fog City together," Fatty said. He did that out of kindness. He thought since Lin Huang had helped him so it would be bad if he left him alone.

"I think you should head back to Baqi City on your own. Honestly, I'm not sure how long would I take," Lin Huang explained.

Lin Huang did not want to head back to Baqi City with Fatty as he only managed to partially hide his abilities. Once he got to bronze-level, Fatty who was now also bronze-level would definitely sense the changes in his combat strength. By then, he would not be able to hide his secret anymore.

Fatty was a nice person but Lin Huang did not think that he could keep a secret. He tried not to let him know too much about himself.

"Then I'll wait for a month, since I don't have much going on," Fatty insisted. "If you take longer than a month, then I'll leave on my own," he said.

"Alright then..." Lin Huang obliged and nodded.

"So do we go back to the city now?" Fatty asked.

"I'll get Alexandrian Eagle to send you back. I have something to do here. I won't be going back just yet," Lin Huang said as he summoned the Alexandrian Eagle.

Fatty had many questions but thinking he might intrude on Lin Huang's privacy, he decided not to ask.

Lin Huang instructed Alexandrian Eagle after Fatty got on its back. It flapped its wings and headed to Fog City with Fatty. Lin Huang turned around into the fog again. He got Bai to look for another mutated Vile Marionette but there was not a single one around. He decided to capture a regular Vile Marionette and killed it after six attempts. The white Life Light was transferred from the puppet to Lin Huang.

Enveloped in a white glow, there were changes to his Life Wheel. His iron Life Wheel turned to bronze. It was a Life Wheel transformation that follows with every level up. After the Iron Life Wheel was replaced by a bronze Life Wheel, another three rounds of white columns appeared. It was the same as before, 360 columns on each circle.

As his Life Wheel changed, the two Life Wheels that he got from the Life Power storage cards started changing too. Soon, all three bronze Life Wheels in his body were fully formed.

As his Life Wheels formed, the Life Light Baptism ended. A greyish black bead the size of a thumb dropped from the Vile Marionette's dead body and went into Lin Huang's body and then into his newly formed Life Wheel.

"New Life Seed has been detected, would you like to turn it into a card?" Xiao Hei said.

"Yes please," Lin Huang answered and nodded.

A moment later, Xiao Hei spoke again.

"I have turned it into a card."

Lin Huang looked at the new Life Seed Card that he just acquired. The card looked the same as Sly Hands with a Black Furry Ball. He turned the card around to read the description.

"Life Species Card"

"Life Species Name: Substitute"

"Rarity: Normal"

"Type: Psychic "

"Skill Effects: Substitute your body with a faux body to divert fatal attacks. Limited to three uses per day."

"Card Remarks: Rubbish"

Lin Huang was speechless at the card remark that Xiao Hei gave it. It had been awhile since Xiao Hei had given such a horrible card remark. He then kept the card and mumbled to himself, "I can't be meeting Fatty now or else he would find out how powerful I am. I'll stay in this canyon and accumulate my life Power to bronze-level rank-3."

He then looked at Bai beside him. The vampire was now a silver-level rank-1. Under normal circumstance, monsters that went through two mutations would have basic combat strengths that were higher than transcendents. Just like the Demonic Dandelion Vine, it was one example that completed two mutations before it achieved transcendence. Aside from the Demonic Dandelion Vine, all the epic monster cards that Lin Huang possessed would be upgraded automatically before Lin Huang leveled up to transcendent. Before Lin Huang arrived at gold-level, their combat strength would only be one rank higher than his

Now that Bai was a silver-level rank-1, his ability might be more powerful than most gold-level rank-1 monsters. In level-4 wildzones like this, he could kill most of the monsters in the area on his own. Lin Huang was anticipating the upgrade of his combat strengths too.

Just when Lin Huang was thinking about it, a man and lady appeared out of the fog. The man was 2.2 meters tall while the lady



was 1.7 meters tall. Standing next to the man, she looked small. Both of them were wearing black coats with black hats. They were walking briskly in Lin Huang's direction. He had his guard up as he could not sense the aura from their beings at all.

"Hi, little kid." The lady greeted Lin Huang as they approached him.

"Anything I can help you with?" Lin Huang asked. He had a feeling they were both transcendents.

"Nothing, I just thought your vampire seemed cool, so I'm here to take a look." The lady replied with a smile.

"Two mutations?" The man mumbled under his breath to the lady and he felt it was rather strange.

"It really is mutated twice!" the lady with red lips confirmed as she walked around Bai. "This is my first time seeing a vampire with a double mutation," she continued.

Just then, Lin Huang noticed the Purple Crow logo on her coat. His heart sank, "It's the Purple Crow..."

## Chapter 128: Hong Zhuang

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A black coat and black hat, that was the attire of an official Purple Crow member. A reserve member was not entitled to dress like that. The duo appeared before Lin Huang and their outfits showed him that they were official members of the Purple Crow organization and also, transcendents.

Lin Huang's mind was spinning, but he could not think of a way to escape. Although, the Small Destruction Card was powerful, it would only be effective for people below transcendents. It could not do anything to hunters who were transcendents and above.

"If there's nothing I can help you with, I'll get going now," Lin Huang said as he pretended he did not know who they were.

"Little kid, let me introduce myself. My name is Hong Zhuang and I'm an official member of the Purple Crow," the lady with red lips said. She knew that Lin Huang was attempting an escape. She then smirked and said, "This is my partner, Xu Qiang. He is also an official member of the Purple Crow." Lin Huang frowned. Since the duo had revealed who they were, it was impossible for him to walk away now without offending them.

"May I know why are you looking for me?" Lin Huang asked, politely.

"I think you're outstanding, I would like to invite you to join the Purple Crows. I could be your referral for you to be a reserve member," Hong Zhuang said as she walked slowly towards Lin

Huang and stopped less than 50 centimeters from him. "You have to know that usually a reserve member has to be at least gold-level. So, what do you think?" She continued.

"I haven't thought of which organization to join yet. Your invitation is too sudden for me to make a decision. Please give me some time to think about it," Lin Huang replied. Truthfully, he was relieved. He did not expect them to invite him to join the Purple Crows. However, he was also not interested in joining them too, so he decided to postpone his decision.

"You're smart to not reject us directly," Hong Zhuang whispered and then laughed hard at what Lin Huang said. "A bronze-level young man mastering a vampire that has gone through mutation... Twice for that matter is really impressive. If such a talent joined some other organization when he's older, he might be the Purple Crow's biggest enemy," she said menacingly.

"You're kidding, I'm just lucky. It was by accident that my vampire mutated twice. Honestly, I didn't know it myself," Lin Huang said as he created an excuse carefully without revealing himself.

"Accident or not, it's a fact that your vampire has mutated twice now. We Purple Crows appreciate talents. We will treat Imperial Censors who owned summoning monsters with two mutations very well, in fact, much better than any other organization. When you become a transcendent, you will definitely be one of our official members. By then, I can satisfy all the needs you have, even if it crosses certain lines," Hong Zhuang said and winked at Lin Huang.

Xu Qiang could not take it anymore, "Hong Zhuang, why would you talk such nonsense to a child like him? Isn't it easier if we just take him away?" He said, angrily.

"What do you know? Convincing him is much better than forcing him," Hong Zhuang scolded the man in response.

"Kid, I'm giving you two options now. Either we kill you or you follow us. I'm giving you 10 seconds to think about it," Xu Qiang said to Lin Huang, ignoring Hong Zhuang.

"Alright, I will follow you," Lin Huang replied. He knew very well that their conversation would be heading down that path anyway even if Hong Zhuang did not flirt with him. He could only conform and look for an opportunity to escape later.

"See, my way is much more effective," Xu Qiang laughed.

Hong Zhuang rolled her eyes at him and looked at Lin Huang. "Recall your vampire," she ordered.

Lin Huang nodded and recalled Bai. When encountering two transcendents, Bai was nothing to them. Even without Bai by his side, it would not have made much of a difference.

Xu Qiang walked towards Lin Huang and tapped his left shoulder. Instantly, the Life Power in Lin Huang's body was sealed and he could not move anymore.

Xu Qiang then bundled him on his shoulder in a fireman's carry and asked Hong Zhuang, "Can we leave now?"

Hong Zhuang ignored him while performing complicated hand seals. Out of thin air, a black metal door appeared before them. She led the way by opening the door and walked into it. Xu Qiang followed behind her while carrying Lin Huang.

A quaint room was behind the metal door. After stepping in, Hong Zhuang recalled the door. A middle-aged man who was also wearing a Purple Crow coat got up hastily from a couch at the corner and said, "You are back, masters. Was it successful?"

"Yes it was, thank you very much," Hong Zhuang said as she nodded at him.

Xu Qiang then unsealed Lin Huang and put him down.

"Who is this?" The middle-aged man asked as he looked curiously at Lin Huang.

"We found him on the road. A kid from Division 7. I'd like to recommend him as a reserve member to the organization," Hong Zhuang explained.

"But we need to go back to the headquarters to submit our mission now. It won't be convenient to bring him along so I plan to leave him here with you. Train him for me but don't kill him. I'll come back for him in three months," she instructed.

"Sure, no problem. It's definitely an honor for me to care for master's recommendation," the middle-aged man said respectfully. Lin Huang was confused. The man was exceptionally respectful to them when they were all official members of the Purple Crow and transcendents.

Hong Zhuang then looked at Lin Huang, "We have a special mission that we need to get to the headquarters to attend. You haven't had your assessment and registration so you can't follow us to the headquarters at the moment. I will leave you at the branch in Division7 and come back for you in three months time," she said.

"Within these three months, they'll send you to a training camp with the other new recruits. Aside from not being killed, there will not be any special treatment for you. It depends on how you plan to survive."

Lin Huang nodded. He was relieved that he was brought to Division7. If he was to go to other division, even if he managed to escape, it would be hard for him to leave the division and make his way to Division7.

"I believe this little kid should not be too bad since he was spotted by you, Master," the middle-aged transcendent said and smiled at Lin Huang.

"We'll get going now. Please take care of him," Hong Zhuang said, ignoring the flattery. She then summoned the black door again. Xu Qiang and herself then stepped in and soon the door closed and disappeared.

The middle-aged transcendent checked out Lin Huang and smiled, "You're lucky the master spotted you." Lin Huang asked what he was curious about before. "Sir, you are also a transcendent wearing the Purple Crow attire, why would you call the both of them masters?"

"Transcendent is just a default name for people who are higher than gold-level. It does not represent one's combat level. Transcendents can drastically differ in their combat ability. You will come to understand that in the future. I call them masters because their abilities are stronger than mine. Another reason is because their rank is higher than mine in the organization," he explained. As Lin Huang was brought back by Hong Zhuang, the middle-aged transcendent did not treat Lin Huang as an outsider and spoke to him casually.

"Do you see the logo on our collars?" The middle-aged transcendent said as he pointed at the collar of his coat. There was a black metal piece the size of a thumb. It looked like a Purple Crow.

"Yours is black. I remember theirs were red," Lin Huang said as he nodded.

"That's right. The black logo means I'm an official member of the organization. Most of the official members belong to the divisions. Red logo are a rank above us, and they are the elites. They work at the headquarters. The highest one would be a purple logo. They are the core members of the organization. All the plans introduced in the organization are based on their decisions," the middle-aged transcendent continued.

"Is that so..." Lin Huang had just found out about the internal structure of the organization. He figured since Hong Zhuang and Xu Qiang were both elite members, their abilities must be much stronger than the common transcendents.

"It's late now, I will get you a place to sleep. I will bring you to the training camp tomorrow morning. They will take care of you. However, don't expect a relaxing life at the training camp. I can only guarantee that they don't kill you. The rest depends on how you behave," he warned. The middle-aged transcendent was very respectful of what Hong Zhuang had instructed.

"Thank you sir, I understand that," Lin Huang said and nodded, all the while thinking of ways to escape.



## Chapter 129: Xiao Mo

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Lin Huang was arranged to stay in a guest house that night. He found out the middle-aged Transcendent's name was Lu Xuan. He was thinking of escaping but now since the room that he was staying was less than 500 meters away from Lu Xuan's, he gave up on his plan. Even if he was to transform into Ghost Shadow and escaped underground, Lu Xuan would sense that his vibe disappeared as he transformed. It was impossible to escape from him.

Although Lu Xuan was friendly, he seemed to be aware that Lin Huang was attempting to escape. Not only was he not allowed to leave the area outside the house, he was not allowed to use the network and communication devices too. To make matters worst, he had no idea which foothold he was in.

After dinner, he went straight to bed. The next morning, Lu Xuan sent someone to the room that the both of them met on the first day when they arrived.

"Where is the training camp? How do we get there? Lin Huang asked. He wanted to get him to tell him their location so that he could factor it into his escape.

"There's no rush, I'll bring you there," Lu Xuan said calmly while summoning a red door. It was a space treasure tool. In reality, space treasure tools like those were rare and were priced at more than 10 times a normal treasure tool of the same level. However, Lin Huang had gotten used to these treasure tool within the days he was there, he was not impressed by them anymore.

Lu Xuan performed hand seals and the red door opened. He then nodded to Lin Huang and said, "Let's go."

They stepped into the door. A plaza was before them as they stepped through the door. Lin Huang looked around. To him, the place looked like a small foothold.

"Stop standing around, follow me," Lu Xuan scolded as he kept away the red door and waved Lin Huang onwards.

Lin Huang followed him and they walked to the bottom of a gigantic tower in the middle of the 'small foothold'.

They entered the gigantic tower and went all the way to the top in the elevator. There was a big room located at the top floor. At the huge meeting table, a man with a scar on his face placed both his feet on the table. He was puffing away at a cigar.

"Yo, you're free today?" the man said as he greeted Lu Xuan.

"Sending a kid here," Lu Xuan replied and nodded.

The man looked at Lin Huang and smiled. "Who is this?" he asked Lu Xuan.

"At Master Hong Zhuang's recommendation, she wants to refer him to join the reserve recruits," Lu Xuan said.

"He's only a Bronze-level? What happens if he dies here?" the man asked.

"Master Hong Zhuang said you can do anything to him as long as you don't kill him," Lu Xuan said and laughed at the thought.

"Sigh..." the man shook his head. "You should know that there are things that I can't control. This kid is too weak. I can't kill him and I'll have to babysit him. I'm like his nanny now," the man said and slapped his forehead.

He was not happy with the arrangement.

"There was nothing we could do. It was the instructions from Master Hong Zhuang herself. If she comes back three months from now and this kid is gone, that would be bad for us," Lu Xuan said. He was helpless too.

"Alright then, I'll try my best," the man replied.

"I will leave him to you, and you do your best. I'll get going now," Lu Xuan said and patted Lin Huang's shoulder. He then summoned the red door and left.

Seeing him leave, the man sucked hard on his cigar and put down

his feet. He placed his cigar aside and placed his hands on the desk. He then looked at Lin Huang and finally spoke.

"Listen, kid. I don't care who is supporting you behind the scenes, there's no special treatment here. Master Hong Zhuang said we have to keep you alive, but if you break the rules here, I have many ways to make you feel pain much worse than dying," he threatened.

Lin Huang nodded expressionless. The man then looked away and made a call. "There's a kid here, bring him to the dorm," he said to the person over the phone.

After he hung up the call, the man stared at Lin Huang again until a man in a black uniform took Lin Huang away. Following the man down the elevator, they headed north from the tower and walked into a courtyard behind a big metal door. After registration, they passed a large courtyard and entered into a building.

They arrived in a small room on the first floor and the man in uniform tossed two army green shirt at him.

"Change now," he ordered.

He remained standing without an expression. He did not seem to be walking away.

Lin Huang did not bother to say anything. He removed his

clothes to his underwear and put on the army green shirt. It was fitting but ugly.

He then kept his clothes into his space storage. The man in uniform then said, "You can only wear this green uniform here. You're not allowed to wear any other clothes. This is a rule among others and there will be no tolerating rule breakers."

He brought Lin Huang to the 11th floor. Lin Huang frowned as he walked seeing the rooms were designed to resemble a prison. The room door was an anti-explosion door. One could look into the room from the metals bars. The room was 10 square meters with a double decker bed. The basin and toilet bowl were placed inside the room.

Seeing Lin Huang's arrival, many stood by their doors and watched him. The man in uniform suddenly stopped walking. "1121, this is your room. We have sent all the rules and regulations to your Emperor's Heart Ring. Memorize them," he bellowed.

There was a boy sitting by the bed looking at him in fear. The boy looked like he was 15 or 16. He was dark and skinny.

"Go in now," the man in uniform ordered as he pushed the door open. After Lin Huang stepped in, the man closed the door and left. Lin Huang looked at his roommate and smiled. "Hi, my name is Lin Huang," he greeted him.

The boy hesitated and nodded to Lin Huang, saying, "Xiao Mo."

Just when Lin Huang wanted to sit down, a bell went off. The bell ring sounded like a school bell when he was on Earth but it was much louder and clearer.

"What is happening?" Lin Huang thought. This was ridiculous.

"Breakfast," Xiao Mo mumbled and got down off his bed.

Soon, the doors automatically opened. Xiao Mo waved at Lin Huang and ran right out. Lin Huang followed too. Many of them were running downstairs. When they arrived at the canteen, it was almost full.

He then picked up a metal plate and queued at the back. When it was his turn, there was nothing much left. The staff got him a bowl of sticky stuff that looked like porridge but the color and texture looked more like vomit. Lin Huang lost his appetite. Just when he was going to put down his plate and leave, he saw Xiao Mo waving at him. He then walked to him with his plate. When he was sitting down, a young man with buzz cut hair walked towards them with his plate.

"Kid, you're fast today. You even got meat," the buzz cut man stabbed at a piece of meat using his fork and ate it. Lin Huang frowned as he watched.

"How can one piece of meat satisfy me?" the buzz cut man continued mockingly and swallowed the meat. "Since I'm not satisfied, you shall not eat yours," the man said and flipped Xiao Mo's plate over spilling his food all over him.

The people around them were enjoying the show. None of them stood up for Xiao Mo.

"Hey, aren't you too much?" Lin Huang put down his plate and said to the man.

"What kid.. This is none of your business," the buzz cut man ignored Lin Huang.

"Pick up the plate and apologize to him," Lin Huang said menacingly and stared deadly at him.

Lin Huang standing up to him got the people excited. They were smiling and waiting for a climax to the show.

"Who do you think you are!" the buzz cut man shouted and glared at Lin Huang.

"Let me repeat myself. Pick up the plate and apologize to him!" Lin Huang said firmly. He did not want to give in.

"It's okay..." Xiao Mo said softly as he stood up and shook Lin Huang's arm.

"Kid, I'm warning you. Before you step into my business, you should consider if you have the..." Before the man could finish what he said, Lin Huang wrapped his hand around the man's neck

and slammed his head against the table. His fork was in his hand, and he was holding it at less than one centimeter from his eyeball.

"This is the last time I'm going to say this. Apologize!" Lin Huang looked deadly. He was not going to give up until the man apologized.

"I'm... Sorry..." the buzz cut man squealed. He was scared and startled while apologizing.

The bell rang, and it was the end of breakfast. The rest stood up and left to put their plates back. Lin Huang then let go of the man and shouted at Xiao Mo asking him to leave.

The buzz cut man left silently. Many of the others were making fun of him. After putting their plates back, Xiao Mo followed Lin Huang as he was leaving the canteen. After some hesitation, he said, "Thank you."

"There's no need to thank me. How did you get on his bad side?" Lin Huang asked casually.

"Once I accidentally stepped on his foot when I was walking down the stairs..." Xiao Mo told him. "I apologized immediately but he just didn't want to let go and keep coming back for me..."

"This kind of people are sick. The more you let him, the more absurd he will behave. You should not allow him to treat you like this!" Lin Huang said. He thought the way Xiao Mo behaved was



weak.

"But... I can never fight him..." Xiao Mo mumbled softly. He was clearly upset.

"Then try your best to make yourself stronger. One day you will fight him," Lin Huang said. He suddenly recalled he still had the dried vegetable from Fatty in his space storage. He patted Xiao Mo's shoulder and said, "Let's go back to the room. I have some good stuff in my space storage..."

# Chapter 130: Public Execution

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Lin Huang was adapting to the life in the training camp; it was similar to being held as a prisoner against his will. All communication and network signals were blocked, and they were completely disconnected from the outside world. There were surveillance cameras in every corner of the small foothold, and there were no blind spots at all. There was no privacy at all given; they were watched 24-hours a day, when they used the toilet, bathroom, and even while they slept.

Their daily routine was to wake up for breakfast from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and following that, they would be free to do as they please for the next hour. From 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., they would be killing monsters in the training tower for the entire length of eight hours. 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. was dinner time and again, they were free to do as they pleased. After that, it was back to killing monsters in the training tower for three hours, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. They only got to rest after 11 o'clock at night.

Soon, two days had passed. It was free and easy time after breakfast, and suddenly, a tune that sounded like a ringtone was played on the loudspeaker. Half a minute later, the music stopped and a man began to speak.

"Everyone gather round the execution point in 10 minutes!"

Lin Huang thought that was odd. "What's going on?" he asked Xiao Mo.

"It's public execution day today..." Xiao Mo explained softly.  
"Everyone has to be there to watch it."

"You mean executions for the three people who are ranked the lowest?" Lin Huang asked him again. He knew the rule himself but it was his first time he was going to witness an actual execution.  
"Are they really going to carry out the execution in front of everyone?!" He almost yelled.

Lin Huang had read about this rule in the beginning when the training camp made them take a ranking test. They could collect points by killing monsters in the training tower.

Iron-level

Rank-1 = 1 point

Rank-2 = 2 points

Rank-3 = 4 points

Bronze-level

Rank-1 = 10 points

Rank-2 = 20 points

Rank-3 = 40 points

Silver-level

Rank-1 = 100 points,

Rank-2 = 200 points

Rank-3 = 400 points

Gold level

Rank-1 = 1,000 points

Rank-2 = 2,000 points

Rank-3 = 4,000 points

By accumulating points, they could redeem things that they wanted which included combat skills, Life Skills, equipment, food and a lot more. The ranking was refreshed daily and was sent to everyone's Emperor's Heart Ring through the local network. It was mentioned that those who ranked top-3 for 100 consecutive trials or broke through to gold-level during these trainings would officially become a reserve member of the Purple Crow. Meanwhile, those who ranked the in on the lowest three for 10 consecutive days would be executed in public.

"The public execution serves as a reminder to all of us," Xiao Mo explained. Looking at everyone leaving, he urged Lin Huang, "Let's leave now. There will be punishments for the latecomers."

Both of them followed the crowd to the other building in the small foothold, they arrived at an enormous ring-shaped arena. There was an empty space the size of a football field in the middle of the arena. It was surrounded by chairs, and within a glance, it could probably accommodate more than 10,000 people.

Lin Huang and Xiao Mo found themselves a seat. Soon the empty seats in the arena were almost full. It was only then that Lin Huang realized there were so many people in the training camp, more than he expected.

"So many people..."

"This isn't considered many. There are 13 training camps in Division 7. Ours is only the 11th when it comes to the number of participants," Xiao Mo explained immediately when he heard Lin Huang's exclamation.

"There are 13 training camps?!" Lin Huang gasped. He had thought this was the only training camp in Division 7. He had definitely underestimated the organization.

"Shh..." Suddenly, Xiao Mo gestured at Lin Huang to stop talking and said quietly, "The public execution is starting, we're not allowed to talk."

Lin Huang nodded and kept quiet while looking at the people at the arena. The arena was completely silent. It seemed like everybody was aware of this rule.

Three young men in green uniforms were shoved in from the entrance of the arena. They looked like death row inmates with dead eyes and expressionless faces. There were three executioners in black behind them.

The three young men in green uniforms walked slowly to the middle of the area. One of the man in black who was wearing sunglasses walked towards them with a sealed box.

"What is happening?" Lin Huang asked quietly.

"They're asking the young men to choose how they would die by drawing ballots," Xiao Mo explained.

Lin Huang was solemn as he watched the events transpire.

The three young men extended shaking hands into the sealed box. They then pulled out a wooden piece each.

"Say your name, ranking and the style of execution," the man in sunglasses said into a loudspeaker receiver the size of a palm. He then passed the loudspeaker to the first man. The receiver was turned on and a long antenna came out from it and stopped by the man's mouth. As it turned out, it was the mouthpiece for the loudspeaker.

The young man stuttered, "My name is... Han Yang... I'm ranked... last in the point rankings... for the past... 10 days. My death... would be... by beheading..."

He cried as he said those words out loud. He was terrified!

Lin Huang could tell that this person was only iron-level rank-2, a rank which was considered to be the weakest in this training camp, so it was not out of the ordinary that he ranked last.

After the young man's report, the man in sunglasses took the loudspeaker receiver from him and nodded to the executioner who was standing behind him and he took a few steps back. The golden ring on the executioner's hand transformed into a sword and he held the young man on the ground by force. Soon, the sword came down on the young man and a head shot up into the air as blood gushed everywhere.

Lin Huang frowned as he watched. Although he had killed people before, it was the first time he watched an actual execution happen. He thought it was gruesome and unethical. However, the man in sunglasses did not seem to be affected at all. He then walked across the pool of blood in his pair of black leather boots and handed the loudspeaker receiver to the second man with an expressionless face.

"My name is Lu Shen, I ranked second last in the past 10 days. My death will be execution by gunshot," the second young man said with a gloomy expression. The man in sunglasses nodded to the

executioner again. The golden ring transformed into a pistol and he pointed it at the left side of Lu Shen's head. The executioner pulled the trigger without a moment's notice. "Bang!" A bullet was shot, and the young man's head exploded. It was Lin Huang's first time witnessing the power of a gold-level gun.

The man in sunglasses then walked to the last person and handed him the loudspeaker receiver.

"My name is Zou He, I'm ranked the third last in the past 10 days. My death will be through... Dismemberment..." Suddenly, an uproar broke among the crowd as the young man mentioned how his execution would be carried out. Many were discussing the execution as it seemed like it had been awhile since the last time someone was executed by dismemberment. The man in sunglasses was stunned as well but his surprise slowly turned to anger as he frowned at the noisy crowd.

"Silence!" The man in sunglasses shouted into the loudspeaker receiver and the arena went silent. Once the man made sure that the people were calm, he took a few steps back and nodded to the executioner. The executioner then sealed Zou He's movement from the back of his neck. His clothes were removed and he was tied with a metal rope before he was hung on a metal shelf. He looked like a beast waiting for slaughter.

Soon blades appeared in the executioner's hands and he began performing his knife skills on Zou He. His skills were refined from years of experience as he slowly sliced the flesh off Zou He's body. Once his clothes were completely removed, each of the wounds were clear before everybody's eyes. Zou He was groaning in pain,



and the sounds were transmitted, loud and clear through the loudspeaker. Lin Huang had heard of such executions before but had never imagined it to be this gory and cruel.

It lasted for more than three hours. Zou He was finally dead with thousands of slices of his flesh were carved from his body. The execution was carved into everyone's mind and they were in fearful awe of the executioner. Zou He's groan echoed in Lin Huang's head as he walked back to his room.

"It seems like the Purple Crow is a cult..." he thought. It was the first time he had seen something so gruesome since he joined the training camp.

Xiao Mo had been quiet ever since they got back to their room and he has not spoken a single word since the incident. Lin Huang soon noticed his odd behaviour and asked, "Xiao Mo, what's wrong? Were you traumatised by the execution we saw earlier?"

"I will die 10 days from now..." Xiao Mo said after being quiet for awhile.

"What do you mean?" Lin Huang wondered as he thought what he said was ridiculous.

"I'm one of those who will be executed in the next batch," Xiao Mo mumbled as he did not want to explain any further.

Lin Huang then realized what Xiao Mo was trying to say. As he

was only an iron-level rank-3 hunter and his combat strength was limited. He had ranked at the bottom for a while. After the three young men were executed, Xiao Mo was the next one who was ranked last on the leaderboard.

"Don't worry, there's still another 10 days to go. There must be a way." Lin Huang said as he tried to improve the morale between them. He did not know what else to say. "Try to stay longer in the training tower for the next few days."

Each room in the training tower could only accommodate one person and each mission had to be done alone. There was no way for Lin Huang to help Xiao Mo.

"Oh, yeah... How far are you from filling up your Life Power?" Lin Huang asked.

"My Life Power is full but I don't dare to level-up because once I arrive at bronze-level, I won't be able to enter the iron-level training room any further. I'd accumulate points at an even slower rate..."

Xiao Mo was in a vicious cycle. He could accumulate points by killing iron-level monsters but the points were much lower compared to bronze-level monsters. On the other hand, if he chose to level-up, his abilities were still insufficient to kill bronze-level monsters and this would slow him down even more. Lin Huang was at a loss as there was nothing he could do to help in this situation.

# Chapter 131: Unspoken Rules Of The Training Camp

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After the first day of familiarization, Lin Huang headed straight to the training tower right after breakfast the next morning. To him, the accumulation of points nothing as he was not lacking equipment or combat skills. At most, he would need a minimal amount of points to get some food but most importantly, he only had one goal when he entered the training tower - obtaining more Life Power.

The training tower was a giant tower located in the middle of a small foothold. Aside from Scarface's office on the top floor, there was a total of 12 floors with training areas beneath it. The first to third floor contained monsters from iron-level rank-1 to rank-3. The fourth to sixth floor contained monsters from bronze-level rank-1 to rank-3. The seventh to ninth floor contained monsters from silver-level rank-1 to rank-3 while the 10th to 12th floor contained monsters from gold-level rank-1 to rank-3.

Lin Huang got up to the sixth floor using the stairs and looked for a room that was unoccupied. He chose the sixth floor because accumulating Life Power by killing bronze-level monsters was not much different from killing silver-level monsters. At the same time, Lin Huang could focus on his training as well. With Bai's ability, he could totally go straight to the ninth or tenth floor but to Lin Huang, the monsters on the ninth and tenth floor would be too strong for him to handle alone and all he would be able to do was watch Bai do all the killing.

There were 300 doors on each floor, each of them leading to a

training room. If the training room was occupied, there would be a red light above the entrance. If it was vacant, there would be a green light above the entrance. They would have to scan their identity tags before entering. It took Lin Huang awhile to find a door with a green light and he entered it immediately after scanning his identity code.

Once he stepped in through the door, he was teleported into the wild. In his field of vision, there were groups of bronze-level rank-3 monsters of all forms. He was stunned.

"Is this real life or virtual reality?" Lin Huang thought but he could not tell at that moment. He had never seen so many monsters at once in any of the wild zones in the safe zones. As he summoned Bai, the Blood Spirit wings sliced the first monster's head and Life Light was transferred from the monster to his Life Wheel, he realized that this was real life.

"Where is this place?" he wondered. Without a moment's hesitation, Lin Huang and Bai began killing. Participants would usually stay in the training room for two to three hours as their Life Power would be drained from such intense battles. However, since Lin Huang's Life Wheel was connected to Bai's, his Life Power was replenished continuously so he would be able to stay there for extended periods of time - easily up to eight hours.

Lin Huang got out of the training space at five in the evening. Within eight hours, Bai and himself managed to kill up approximately 1,000 monsters. He leveled up from bronze-level rank-1 to rank-3 and the Life Power had filled up the sixth circle in his Life Wheel. He was close to filling up his Life Wheels. For the

next couple of days, he spent most of his time in the training tower. Three days later, the three Life Wheels in his body were all filled up. Lin Huang and Bai managed to kill almost 4,000 bronze-level rank-3 monsters, allowing him to accumulate more than 160,000 points within three days.

The accumulated points would reset every 100 days. With the points he had accumulated, he would be able to rank top 10 on the leaderboard. However, he only managed to make it to No.297 on the leaderboard. He had garnered attention from many for the number of points he managed to accumulate in such short period of time. Ever since he completely filled up his Life Wheels, he stopped going to the training tower. He stayed in his room to practice his Life Skills as well as stabilize his Life Power. He hardly left his room after that.

His ranking had been dropping during the next couple of days but he did not care at all. On the third day he stopped going to the training tower, he had planned to take a breather outside after breakfast before practicing his Life Skills. However, just when he stepped out of the residential area, he was stopped by a young man with blonde hair.

"Are you Lin Huang?"

"Can I help you?" Lin Huang had no idea who he was.

"I want to challenge you!" the man shouted. Lin Huang thought the man was being absurd.

"Not interested," Lin Huang said and turned away. He could tell that the man was bronze-level rank-2 and fighting him would be a waste of time.

"I think you meant you don't have the guts to challenge me?" The man instigated.

"Whatever," Lin Huang replied. He did not bother and walked towards the residential area.

"If that's the case, I shall start a deathmatch then," the man yelled at Lin Huang.

A notification box popped up before Lin Huang from his Emperor's Heart Ring.

"Li Zihao has requested to carry out a deathmatch with you."

"Deathmatch will start in 10, 9, 8..."

"What the hell?" Lin Huang thought. Could the man be really that ridiculous?

"You forced me to do this. If you accepted my challenge, the most I would get was half of your points. Now that you have forced me to initiate a deathmatch, the only thing I can do is to kill you and take all your points," the man shouted at Lin Huang while transforming two equipment rings into two short blades.

Lin Huang finally understood what was happening. He was quiet as he took out his bronze-level battle sword. A crowd had surrounded them to watch the show. Once the countdown was over, the man ran towards Lin Huang. He moved amazingly fast and he was before Lin Huang in an instant. His blades were aimed at Lin Huang's throat and his heart. Many cheered for his tactics.

However, with a slight evasive move, the man missed his hit. Nobody saw Lin Huang's attack but there was a cut that was more than 40 centimeters long on the man's chest, extending from the side left of his waist to his upper chest.

"You lose," Lin Huang said as he now stood two steps behind the man. The man fell on the ground, blood pouring out of the wound on his chest. It was too late when he realized that his abilities were far beneath Lin Huang's.

Lin Huang did not care and attempted to leave. A boy who looked 13 or 14 came to him and said, "Hey, you must kill him to end the battle. That's the rule of the battle."

"Rules are made by people, and I will not conform to this barbaric behaviour," Lin Huang glared at him and walked away.

The boy walked pass Lin Huang and stood next to the blond haired man. He then grabbed his head and snapped his neck. The young man fell to the ground, in his own blood and guts.

"I've killed him for you, you don't need to thank me. Since you're

new here, I will forgive you for not knowing the rule. However, I hate people who don't follow the rules. I won't let you go next time!" The boy shouted at Lin Huang. A notification popped out after the battle ended, Lin Huang obtained 43,000 points. He turned around to glare at the boy and left with the crowd.

"How dare he offend Gong Sunning!" People exclaimed around him. The crowd discussed the incident among themselves. Lin Huang had no idea who that boy was. He walked straight to his room to continue with his practice.

Xiao Mo saw Lin Huang was back, and he asked nervously, "Did you offend Gong Sunying?"

"That guy is Gong Sunying?" Lin Huang was surprised. He had heard of the name before but he had never met the guy. Now he knew who the guy was after Xiao Mo mentioned it. Gong Sunying was ranked second on the leaderboard. He was silver-level rank-3 - one of the strongest in the training camp.

"He's not a boy. His growth was stunted for some reason. He is actually 21 years old," Xiao Mo explained. "How did you offend him?" He continued.

"Nothing, I just bumped into him but, the news travelled so fast that even you already heard about it," Lin Huang said. He was speechless and how fast gossip traveled around here.

"I saw it on the forums," Xiao Mo said.



Although the network connection on the Heart Network was blocked, there was a forum on the division network for discussions. The latest gossip was usually posted there. Gong Sunying was one of the strongest in the training camp. Anything that was related to him would naturally be posted on the forum as soon as possible. The news about Lin Huang offending him was posted too.

"What's with the deathmatch? Why didn't I find this in the rule book?" Lin Huang asked Xiao Mo.

"The deathmatch was not created by the training camp. It was started by participants in the training camp. Initially it was a bet where the management staff would be the judges. The one who won would take all the points in the bet while the one who lost would lose their points. It created a gambling trend so it had to stop," Xiao Mo explained.

"Later on it became a battle where the one who won could take the loser's points right away, but only up to 50% of his points. After that, it became a deathmatch where the winner would have to kill the loser to end the battle. The winner could take all of the loser's points. It was not in the rules because it is an unspoken rule. The management realized that this would benefit them in finding superior participants so it was allowed," Xiao Mo concluded.

Lin Huang finally understood why such things existed in the training camp after Xiao Mo's explanation.

"How many points have you accumulated now?" Lin Huang asked.

"Better than before but it's still not good enough," Xiao Mo replied with an awkward smile. "From what you said, I should have killed monsters until all my Life Power got drained before getting to a safe place where I can replenish my Life Power with Life Crystals. If I could stay for eight hours in the training room within these couple of days, I'd take exactly two and a half hours to kill the monsters," he continued.

"Take it one step at a time. With your pace, it's very possible to be out of the last three places on the leaderboard. Do you still have Life Crystals?" Lin Huang asked.

"I still have enough for tomorrow," Xiao Mo nodded. "Thank you for all your help. I will return these Life Crystals three times over... No, 10 times over to you!"

"We will talk about money when we are out of here. Just focus on killing monsters now," Lin Huang said and patted his shoulder.

# Chapter 132: I Want To Challenge You!

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Soon, four days had passed. Xiao Mo was upset, although he had been killing monsters with Lin Huang's help for the past few days, he only managed to move up from being the last ranked recruit to being the third from the bottom. In less than half an hour, the final score was to be announced. He was 2,000 points away from the forth last person, it was impossible to make up the difference in points.

Lin Huang redeemed food from the staff members with his points. Since he saw food that looked like vomit on the first day, he never stepped foot in the canteen again. Xiao Mo was lucky that he did not have to get food with the others in the canteen.

"Eat something," Lin Huang passed him a bento box. Xiao Mo took the bento box and put it aside.

"I will be executed tomorrow... I thought I'd at least make a name for myself if I joined the Purple Crows. I couldn't even pass the first hurdle..." Xiao Mo mumbled.

"Why would you want to join the Purple Crows? You're already an iron-level, you could totally join the Hunter Association and become a reserve hunter. Although there's no benefit over there, you could take it one step at a time by killing monsters and make a name for yourself later on," Lin Huang told him, but he knew that Xiao Mo would not divert from his goal.

"If I could, of course, join the Hunter Association but I don't get

to choose where to go..." Xiao Mo then took off his t-shirt showed Lin Huang his skinny body. He pointed at his left side of his chest where there was a black, complicated sigil.

"This is why I must join the Purple Crow," he said.

"Descendants of the Sin..." Lin Huang said aloud and frowned.

In the beginning of the new era, some of the humanoid monsters would capture ladies for procreation. Many were killed while some were rescued. Many of the rescued ladies were pregnant with the seed of the monsters. Those children were called sinners. Most of the first generation sinners were killed by humans when they were born while some of them were saved by the Union Government's amendment policy. However, they were marked with the sinner's logo and it would be passed on to every generation. Everybody that had this logo was labeled as the Descendants of the Sin.

Although the Union Government stopped people from killing the descendants, they were prohibited from joining the government sector as the government was worried that they might grow up to be monsters and harm humans again. Xiao Mo wanted to be stronger, he had no choice but to join the dark side, the underworld. Only underworld organizations could groom him to make him stronger. Lin Huang finally understood why Xiao Mo would always avoid the others whenever he was in the bathroom. He was afraid to reveal that he was one of the Descendants of the Sin. Now that he was going to be executed the next morning, he decided to tell his closest companion, his secret.

"The sinners have been victims since the beginning, same goes to

their descendants like you..." Lin Huang said. He then let out a sigh and patted Xiao Mo's shoulder, "Come eat something."

He realized that the topic was too heavy, and he did not say a word anymore as he ate his food. Xiao Mo was solemn for awhile, but then he started eating too. It was almost six in the evening when Xiao Mo finished his food. He looked at the time and said to Lin Huang, "Three minutes to go... Thank you so much for taking care of me, unfortunately, I can't return to you the Life Crystals that you have lent me..."

Lin Huang took his empty bento box from him and said with a smile, "You should challenge me. As long as I surrender, you would get a portion of my points."

"No, surrendering in challenges on purpose would be breaking the rules. Gong Sunying and the rest would come after you," Xiao Mo said and shook his head.

"Rules are set by people. He could have made that up, and I can break it too like I did the last time," Lin Huang smirked. "If he comes after me, I will welcome him with open arms. Troubles are my favorite past time," he said proudly, and laughed.

"Gong Sunying would level up to gold-level anytime now since he is already silver-level rank-3. I know you're powerful, but you won't be able to beat him," Xiao Mo said softly, still shaking his head.

"I know someone in the management. He cannot do anything to

me," Lin Huang said. Although he did not know what to say anymore, he thought revealing this fact might be what Xiao Mo needed for a little motivation.

"The person who sent me to this training camp was a lady called Hong Zhuang. She is an elite member of Purple Crow. She is coming back for me in three months. By then, I will be a reserve member of the Purple Crow," Lin Huang said.

"I didn't want to tell anyone about this, so now, can you please challenge me?" Lin Huang said as he placed his hand on Xiao Mo's shoulder.

"Really?" Xiao Mo's eyes lit up.

"Of course it's the truth. We don't have much time, stop hesitating!" Lin Huang nodded.

Xiao Mo then challenged Lin Huang. A notification box popped up before Lin Huang.

"Xiao Mo is challenging you, do you want to accept the challenge?"

"Challenge accepted!"

Lin Huang pushed the button immediately once he saw the notification box. Once the countdown ended, Lin Huang shouted, "I surrender!" The system announced Xiao Mo's win in the

challenge. Soon, Lin Huang was notified that 5,000 of his accumulated points were taken by Xiao Mo.

"Why don't you take more and make your ranking higher?" Lin Huang said. He knew that Xiao Mo had always been very careful and being so close to the edge was still not a comfortable place for him.

"5,000 points is enough, thank you. The one before me was 2,000 points ahead of me. Moreover, if my points are too high, people would start challenging me. If my points are low, nobody would want to challenge me. This amount is enough for me," Xiao Mo said, gratefulness clear in his eyes. He did not reveal that he did not want to take too much of Lin Huang's points so that his friend would not despise him. He did not know that Lin Huang had never cared about the points.

It was six o'clock soon after the challenge ended and Xiao Mo's ranking improved. The new execution list was out and Xiao Mo had managed to escape the execution. Although, the sudden 5,000 points that Xiao Mo gained got the attention of many other recruits. Soon, someone found out the source of the 5,000 points. Since Lin Huang's points did not change for the past week and his ranking had been dropping, aside from the points that he used to redeem food, it basically remained unchanged. However, the 5,000 points drop gave away the fact that he cheated in the challenge so that Xiao Mo would win.

Within minutes, the news got to Gong Sunying.

"Lin Huang! I have warned you not to ignore our rules! Now

you're just asking for it, don't blame me for not showing mercy! I shall kill you before the 10,000 people here!" Gong Sunying roared. He was furious when he heard the news and went straight to the courtyard a floor beneath the dorm. Minutes later, he stood in the middle of the courtyard where Lin Huang's room was and shouted, "Lin Huang, come here right now. I challenge you to a deathmatch!"



# Chapter 133: Almighty Imperial Censor

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Gong Sunying's voice could be heard all around from two blocks away. Lin Huang and Xiao Mo heard it too.

"It's Gong Sunying..." Xiao Mo whispered with a shiver. He was terrified.

"It's okay," Lin Huang said.

He then stood up and walked to the corridor outside his room. He stood in the corridor and looked down. Gong Sunying was standing at the courtyard downstairs, furious. He shouted at Lin Huang again, "I warned you not to break our rules. How dare you break the rules of battle openly and surrendered on purpose just to let Xiao Mo win. Since you want to save him from getting executed, I'll take your life as a replacement!"

The balconies of both dormitories were filled with people. The same happened in the courtyard, the crowd surrounded them to watch their fight. After hearing what Gong Sunying said, they knew exactly what had happened. The crowd did not scare Lin Huang at all, he looked at Gong Sunying and said, "Your so-called rules are just unspoken rules of this place. You set it up to benefit yourself. It was never the rules of this training camp, and there's no need for me to obey them."

"If you would like to challenge me, I'm here for you. However, I advise you to think twice or you might regret the consequences. You have finally ranked second on the leaderboard, and the most

you'd have to wait for would be two months before you can join the Purple Crows as an official member. It's not wise if you were to do something stupid such as getting yourself killed," Lin Huang said calmly. What Lin Huang said shocked the people who were watching.

"This new kid has balls!"

"How dare he speak to Gong Sunying like that? He must be crazy?!"

"He's only bronze-level, how dare he say something like this?"

"Does he want to die?"

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The people discussed among themselves, and they thought Lin Huang was asking for it.

"How dare you talk to me like that when you're only bronze-level. If I don't kill you today, I swear I'm not called Gong Sunying!" Gong Sunying bellowed at the top of his lungs. While everyone was waiting for the show to start, a shadow shot down from the sky.

"What's with this crowd?" Scarface landed in his black coat. Everyone was quiet as they knew that the man was the manager of the camp. He would only appear when serious incidents happened

or he would never have shown himself. All matters would pass through him before they reached the guys in black uniforms.

However, Scarface appeared before Lin Huang and Gong Sunying. Many found that odd.

"It seems like this Lin Huang has strong support... Even the manager is here..."

"Master, this kid called Lin Huang is deliberately breaking our rules," Gong Sunying said respectfully. He was not stupid as he could tell that the man was here to help Lin Huang, so he spoke first to get his word in.

"Lin Huang, I told you on the first day when you arrived. You will have no special treatment here, and you must obey the rules. Did you not take me seriously?" What the man said made everyone realize one thing - Lin Huang knew the manager personally.

Most of the people here had not even seen the manager in months but Lin Huang managed to meet him as soon as he arrived. He even got to speak to the manager, and it was obvious that the manager was siding Lin Huang. Hearing what the manager said, Gong Sunying's heart dropped. He could tell that the manager was telling everyone here that Lin Huang had someone behind him. Gong Sunying was mad that Lin Huang was going to get away with this.

"Master, I have always been obeying your rules, I have never once disobeyed you. I believe that you know that yourself. However,

this is a rule that was set by them personally, so there's no need for me to obey those as well. Am I right?" Lin Huang said politely. He knew very well that the man was here to get him out of the trouble. From the outside, he knew that his ability was far from Gong Sunying's. The man was afraid that Lin Huang would be killed by Gong Sunying and that would put him trouble with Hong Zhuang.

"Setting up their own rules?" The man turned around and looked at Gong Sunying.

"Gong Sunying, is it true that you've done such a thing here?"

"Master, there's no such thing. Lin Huang must have misunderstood us, how would we dare to do such thing in this training camp?" Gong Sunying said and waved his hands in bewilderment.

"I believe you've heard that, Lin Huang. Since it's a misunderstanding, stop messing around. Go back to your room," the manager said firmly.

However, Lin Huang started speaking.

"No, this is not over. Gong Sunying, didn't you say you wanted to challenge me?"

The man was shocked at what Lin Huang said.

"Lin Huang, didn't he say this is a misunderstanding? Why are you still messing around?!"

Gong Sunying was furious but as the man was around, he did not dare to say anything.

None of the people around expected Lin Huang to dwell on it since the manager had spoken.

"Is this kid stupid? Perhaps he wants the manager to punish Gong Sunying? This is too much!"

"Master, although the misunderstanding has been solved, we have yet to solve our personal issues," Lin Huang turned the incident into a personal grudge so that the man would not step in.

"Lin Huang, what are you trying to do?!" The man did not expect Lin Huang to get rid of him after he managed to get him out of trouble with Gong Sunying.

"Since this is regarding our personal issue, then we shall do it our way," Lin Huang looked at Gong Sunying, "Gong Sunying, do you accept this deathmatch with me?"

Gong Sunying was in a pickle. He looked at Scarface. The man did not expect Lin Huang to step back into square one, making all his efforts go to waste. He did not know what to do.

"There's no need for a deathmatch. Since it's something

personal, a normal battle would suffice," the man said as he made the decision.

"Master, since this is personal, the solution has to be life or death. It would be unfair if you continue to side with him," Lin Huang said, which the manager thought was uncalled for.

"What's wrong with this kid? Why would he think that the manager is siding Gong Sunying?"

"He must be joking. How could he not know that the manager is obviously siding him?"

"The manager must be in a bad position now?"

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The man was furious at what Lin Huang said. It was obvious that he was siding Lin Huang but he managed to turn it around, saying that he was siding Gong Sunying instead. Since Lin Huang said that, there was nothing that the man could do. He thought to himself, "I have tried my best. Since you are so eager to be killed, there's nothing I can do."

He took a deep breath with his eyes closed and said, "Since you insist on a deathmatch, deathmatch it is then."

Gong Sunying was glad to hear that, and he shot a deadly stare at Lin Huang. Lin Huang then made his way down the stairs and

arrived in the middle of the courtyard minutes later. He stood less than 10 meters away from Lin Huang. 10 meters was the furthest distance for an effective attack. Any further and the attack would be pointless for a normal battles or a deathmatch.

"I, Lin Huang, would like to have a deathmatch with Gong Sunying," Lin Huang requested.

Seconds later, a deathmatch began.

"You have requested a deathmatch with Gong Sunying."

"Deathmatch will start in 10, 9, 8..."

When it was the last three seconds, Lin Huang waved his hand suddenly and a man in a black mask and silver hair appeared beside him. The crowd was shocked to see a vampire there.

At the very last second, Lin Huang lifted his right hand and pointed at Gong Sunying who stood across from him. He uttered three words, "Kill him now!"

Bai's eyes turned red and his Blood Power wings grew larger. Next, there was a red glow that flashed through the air. Bai appeared behind Gong Sunying and he did not even see it coming. Before he could even lift his blade, Bai had completed his attack. It was so fast that nobody could have seen anything with the naked eye.

The crowd was stunned at what they saw. Soon, Gong Sunying's head fell from his neck to the floor. There was no blood coming out of the cut on his neck. His headless body stood still on the ground. What happened was out of Scarface's expectation. He thought Gong Sunying would kill Lin Huang but it was the other way round instead. In reality, he had seen Lin Huang fight in the training room and had noticed that Lin Huang had a vampire as his monster. As he was killing bronze-level rank-3 monsters, Bai did not show the speed and strength he had just exhibited. He thought Bai was just a mutated vampire. Now that he had seen Bai's strength at a close range, he confirmed that Bai had gone through mutations, twice.

"No wonder Master Hong Zhuang recommended him to join the organization..." Scarface finally understood the true reason behind Lin Huang's recruitment.

"Congratulations, you have obtained a Skill Card - Mountain Blade."

"Congratulations, you have obtained a Talent Card - Superhuman Strength."

Lin Huang was stunned at the notification. He did not only contain a Skill Card from killing Gong Sunying but also a Talent Card. He thought that was strange.

"Alright, go back to your rooms!" Scarface shouted at the crowd. He then turned around and looked at Lin Huang with a complicated facial expression, "Lin Huang, go back to your room. Stop causing trouble."



"I will be back in a short while," Lin Huang said and he did not leave immediately. He walked to Gong Sunying and searched his dead body right in front of Scarface...

## Chapter 134: Modified Gun

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As Lin Huang walked back to his room on the 11th floor from the courtyard, everyone shot respectful glances in his direction. What happened earlier was shocking to all as Lin Huang killed Gong Sunying who ranked second on the leaderboard within seconds. Everyone knew although Gong Sunying was a silver-level rank-3, his ability was comparable with a gold-level rank-1. He might be not have been able to fight gold-level rank-2 hunters but not to the point that he would be dead in an instant.

Even Fang Wen who ranked the first on the leaderboard was just slightly stronger than Gong Sunying. It was not possible for Fang Wen to kill him, let alone instantly. It was not Gong Sunying who was weak but Bai was too powerful for him. His ability now was powerful enough to handle all the participants in the training camp. Lin Huang wanted to keep a low profile in the camp as he gathered insider information before running away. If Gong Sunying did not insist on a battle, he would not have revealed his strength, which was only the tip of the iceberg.

When he returned to his room, Xiao Mo came to him in excitement. He saw everything from the balcony, and he was in admiration of Lin Huang. He had always thought that Lin Huang was just slightly more powerful than himself and would never have any significant rank on the leaderboard. Now he knew that Lin Huang was something like the ultimate boss in a video game. Moreover, it was proved that Lin Huang had someone supporting him since Scarface sided with him earlier.

Lin Huang had the ability with a strong background, anyone would have wanted to ride on his coattails. However, as Xiao Mo

had low self-esteem issues, he realized that he was no use to Lin Huang anymore. He could explain to Lin Huang about the rules of this training camp but now that he was popular, many people would want to be his apprentice.

Just when he was thinking, he heard Lin Huang was speaking to him.

"Xiao Mo, find a Life Seed monster that you want within these few days and level-up to bronze-level. By then, you should be able to kill monsters on the fourth floor of the training tower. It's okay if it takes longer to accumulate points, you can take the points from me. After your point collections are stable on the fourth floor, even if I'm not around anymore, you won't be the few people on the bottom of the leaderboard anymore," Lin Huang said. He thought that such an arrangement with Xiao Mo would not only benefit the skinny boy but also motivate him to do better.

Hong Zhuang said she would come for Lin Huang in three months, that meant Lin Huang would have to leave this place within three months or else he might not be able to escape once he was taken away from Division 7. Moreover, he was still not interested in joining the Purple Crows.

"I will do my best," Xiao Mo nodded. He did not think too deeply about what Lin Huang had said. He thought Lin Huang meant he would leave the camp within three months to join the Purple Crows as their reserve member.

Lin Huang pitied Xiao Mo from the beginning, and he saved him as he too needed guidance as well as information about this place.

In the process of doing that, Lin Huang found out that Xiao Mo also had a good personality. He was much better than most of the people in the training camp. He did not want to see him die in an execution, therefore he decided to break the rule which allowed him to escape the execution at the expense of his own anonymity.

"I will protect you whenever I'm here, but I can't be doing that anymore when I leave. In a nutshell, you'll still have to make yourself stronger," Lin Huang said. He did not want Xiao Mo to get into trouble after he left.

"I understand, I'll definitely become stronger," Xiao Mo nodded hard. "One day I will follow in your footsteps and become a reserve member of the Purple Crow."

Lin Huang did not respond to what Xiao Mo said. He laid on his bed and looked at the two cards that he just obtained.

"Skill Card"

"Skill Card Name: Mountain Blade"

"Rarity: Rare"

"Type of Skill: Sword"

"Skill Level: Gold-level"

"Status: Available"

"Remarks: Suitable for use with heavy weapons. The more powerful the user's strength, the more powerful that skill is."

"Card Remarks: Passable"

"This is an exclusive combat skill for heavy weapons. It's suitable for large groups of monsters. The skill is not unique but under certain circumstances, its power could possibly surpass Thunder Sword," he thought.

Lin Huang squeezed the card immediately so that he could get the new combat skill.

He had 10 monster skills - the maximum he could have already but that did not affect his personal combat skills. Soon, the new combat skill was added to his exclusive card. Then, he looked at the Talent Card that he had just obtained.

"Talent Card"

"Name: Superhuman Strength (Beginner)"

"Rarity: Rare"

"Type: Intensification"

"Talent Effect: Strength will be multiplied 10 times (Passive)"

"Level-up Effect: With every upgrade, the effect will be multiplied by tenfold"

"Card Remarks: Passable"

Lin Huang was doubtful when he saw the card, and he contacted Xiao Hei in his mind.

"Xiao Hei, what's with this Talent Card? I thought I could only obtain talents from killing Life Seed monsters?" he asked.

"The talent from the Talent Card does not come from a Life Seed. It was inherited by a human or for some other reason which caused one to have the talent when they were born," Xiao Hei explained in response.

"So if I were to use this card to obtain a new talent, does that mean I would have one less opportunity to obtain a Life Seed talent?" he asked again.

"No, the talent from a Talent Card does not clash with talents from Life Seed kills. You can obtain four Life Seed talents in total," Xiao Hei replied.

"Does that mean this Talent Card allows me to obtain a free talent?" Lin Huang raised his eyebrow.

"You can say so."

Without hesitation, Lin Huang squeezed the card, adding it to his exclusive card. He then looked at his exclusive card.

"Host: Lin Huang"

"Gender: Male"

"Age: 15"

"Combat Strength: Bronze-level rank-3"

"Talent 1: Superhuman Strength"

"Life Seed 1: Sly Hands (Rare)"

"Life Seed 2: Substitute (Normal)"

"Combat Skill 1: Great Sword Scripture (Sword Skill)"

"Combat Skill 2: Thunder Sword (Sword Skill)"

"Combat Skill 3: Mountain Blade (Sword Skill)"

"Combat Skill 4: Spectral Snowsteps (Movement Skill)"

"Combat Skill 5: Cloud Steps (Movement Skill)"

"Monster Skill 1: Blood Spirit"

"Monster Skill 2: Form Changer"

"Monster Skill 3: Super Robust (Intermediate)"

"Monster Skill 4: Supreme Breath (Beginner)"

"Monster Skill 5: Immense Strength"

"Monster Skill 6: Magic Eye Deterrence (Intermediate)"

"Monster Skill 7: Absolute Defence (Beginner)"

"Monster Skill 8: Blood Hunt (Beginner)"

"Monster Skill 9: Boundless Vision (Beginner)"

"Monster Skill 10: Third Eye (Beginner)"

"Summon Authority: Activated"



"Available Number of summons: 3"

"Remark: Passable"

Not only did he get an additional talent, skill and managed to upgrade his combat strength, he also had an upgrade in his number of summons available too. It was upgraded from two to three summons. Lin Huang could not help but smirk when he thought about how he could summon Charcoal, Bai, and Tyrant at the same time in the future.

He then looked at the stuff that he took from Gong Sunying. As he could not retrieve the items from Gong Sunying's storage space, he still managed to find a couple of gold-level equipment from his body. Among them were heavy and light armor, an explorer class armor and a blade. There were all in the form of rings which Lin Huang could not activate with his current Life Power. He kept them in his storage space after admiring them.

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The next morning, Lin Huang walked to the redemption counter after breakfast. He accumulated 2.2 million points from killing Gong Sunying. His main purpose here was to redeem his breakfast and check if there was anything else that he wanted. The lowest redemption was one point which bought a piece of bread or a bowl of white rice. The more dishes you ordered, the more points it would cost.

That was the reason why Xiao Mo would rather starve himself than use his points to redeem food as he would spend quite a bit on food if he did that every day. In reality, besides food, the price of the other items was quite ridiculous as well. They could only redeem Iron-level equipment with 1,000 points while killing an iron-level rank-3 monster would only get them four points. They would need to kill 250 iron-level rank-3 monsters to redeem any piece of iron-level equipment. They could have gotten other iron-level equipment with just three to five Iron-level rank-3 monsters when they were outside the camp walls.

Iron-level equipment aside, bronze-level equipment would require 10,000 credit points, 100,000 credit points for a single silver-level piece of equipment and one million credit points for gold-level equipment. For relics, they would need one billion credit points and they were limited to one relic. Lin Huang was speechless when he saw the price.

However, the points would go to waste if he kept them. After redeeming breakfast, Lin Huang picked up a bronze-level gun. It was a CopperSparrow23, a product from the Eagle Company. However, he frowned at the price of the gun.

"Isn't 10,000 credit points enough for a bronze-level piece of equipment? Even if you raised the price here, it's alright if you're selling it at 20,000 credit points. How dare you sell it at 80,000 credit points?" He asked, furiously.

"You can get a normal one at 10,000 credit points but this has been modified. It is at least three times more powerful than the original version. That's why it's priced at 80,000," the staff at the

redemption point explained.

"Three times or more..." Lin Huang never expected to find a modified gun. Although a modified gun was less stable than the original version, its power would be significantly higher. Since he would not be staying on each level for too long, this modified gun would be great for short periods of time.

"Give me two!" Lin Huang did not hesitate for even a moment. He then asked, "Do you have any modified silver-level SilverPhoenix16s?"

"Yes. That'll be 980,000 credit points, its power is at least three times or more as well," the staff member said with a nod.

"Great, give me two of that," Lin Huang confirmed his order.

"The total would be 2.12 million points," the staff looked at him with a puzzled look as he recalled Lin Huang only having 100,000 points when he came to redeem his food yesterday.

Lin Huang nodded and scanned his identity code. The staff was shocked when he saw the payment was successful, he then packed the four guns for Lin Huang immediately. Although Lin Huang lost 2.2 million points in just one transaction, he was not upset at all. A modified gun was not easy to find on the market and the only place one could go was the black market. The prices there would be sky-high and its quality was not guaranteed. The items that were sold at the Purple Crow Facility were surely not faulty and that was the reason why Lin Huang bought the guns without hesitation. After

getting the guns and breakfast, Lin Huang left the redemption counter happily. However, he was shocked when he arrived at this room...

# Chapter 135: Wildfire Sword

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People flooded the entrance of Room 1121. Lin Huang who just got back from redeeming breakfast was soon noticed by the crowd.

"Boss Lin Huang is here, make way for him!" A person shouted.

Heads were turned, seeing Lin Huang blocked by the crowd, a path was cleared for him.

"Boss Lin Huang. Were you headed out for breakfast?"

"..." Lin Huang was speechless.

After passing through the crowd to his room, he finally found out what the hype was about. Fang Wen who ranked first on the leaderboard and Li Li who ranked third was in his room. Those who ranked fourth to 10th were all outside his room. Xiao Mo was sitting with both Fang Wen and Li Li, and upon seeing Lin Huang arrive, the three of them stood up immediately.

"Bro Lin Huang, my name is Fang Wen," he said. The boy looked like he was only 17 or 18, and soft-spoken. He shook Lin Huang's hand.

"My name is Li Li," the boy next to him said. He seemed like he was over 20. He was more matured and much taller, as he stood at 1.8 meters. The top-ranked recruits were here to worship him after seeing what he did yesterday.

"Bro Lin Huang, we are here to get to know each other better. It was fate that we are sent to the same training camp, and perhaps we have the opportunity to collaborate after we join the Purple Crows. Please accept my humble gift," Fang Wen said and placed a space storage ring in Lin Huang's hand.

"Thank you, Fang Wen," Lin Huang smirked and accepted the gift without hesitation.

After he killed Gong Sunying, Lin Huang searched his dead body for stuff on purpose so that people would have an idea that he was greedy and they would send him gifts. It would be perfect if he could get something from the people in the training camp before he left the place.

"I heard that Bro Lin Huang loves sword skills. I obtained a great one earlier, and it would be a waste if I use it. I feel it's better if you have it," Li Li said as he gave Lin Huang a combat skill crystal. Hearing that it was a sword skill, Lin Huang kept the gift immediately. The both of them then left after a short chat. The people outside his room left their gifts too. Lin Huang did not reject any of them. The crowd left half an hour later.

"My breakfast is cold now..." Lin Huang muttered to himself. After sending everyone off, Lin Huang shook his head and sighed.

"I'll get a new one for you," Xiao Mo said immediately. He wanted to get Lin Huang a gift as well but he had nothing valuable to offer him.

"It's alright, let's eat," Lin Huang passed the bun that he bought to Xiao Mo.

After accepting the bun, Xiao Mo hesitated and said, "Let me get you breakfast and dinner from today onwards."

"Sure, you can take some of my points later," Lin Huang nodded. He thought that he could save his time by getting Xiao Mo to run those simple chores for him.

"It's not necessary, food doesn't cost much," Xiao Mo waved his hand.

"I refused to buy the last time as I was at the bottom in the leaderboard, it's alright now," he continued.

"The points are useful for you, but not me. I'm not at a lack of combat skills or equipment, and I don't care about my ranking. Besides, with the points that I accumulated, I could even consume tens of thousands a day. It's a different story for you, each point is important to you. You should use it to get a blade," Lin Huang explained.

"You use my points for food. If you are embarrassed, you could treat me a good meal when we get out," Lin Huang said to him and patted him on the back.

"Sure!" Xiao Mo did not reject the offer anymore since Lin Huang

had said so.

Just when they were eating, the loudspeaker shell announced about the public execution. Both of them left their room immediately and followed the crowd to the arena. The three people were then pushed to the middle of the arena. The last one was staring at Xiao Mo. He never shifted his eyes away from Xiao Mo. He was the person who ranked the last fourth on the leaderboard. As Lin Huang cheated for Xiao Mo, he became the person who would be executed. He held a grudge for Xiao Mo now.

Lin Huang noticed that the person was staring at Xiao Mo so he put his hand on his shoulder and asked, "Are you alright?"

Xiao Mo shook his head and looked away from the person. Soon the execution started, after the first two people were killed, it was time for the third person to be executed.

The man in sunglasses placed the loudspeaker shell next to his mouth, and he was supposed to say his name and way of execution.

Instead, he smiled, "Xiao Mo, don't ever forget that you owe me my life!"

The man in sunglasses frowned and nodded at the executioner. The executioner covered his mouth and sliced his throat so that he could not speak anymore. Blood shot out from his neck, and he was breathing like a wind box being pulled. Everyone could feel the suffocation from the sound that was amplified through the loudspeaker shell.



The person stared at Xiao Mo's direction until he died. After the execution ended, Xiao Mo was quiet all the way back to his room.

"The guy is dead now, don't mind what he said," Lin Huang said.

"He's right, I should be dead. I owe him his life," Xiao Mo shook his head.

"You were just lucky that you escaped, you don't owe him anything," Lin Huang said firmly as he tried to console him. "If you hold this in your heart, your life would be affected by it. Now that he's dead, no matter how sorry you feel, he will still be dead. So I suggest that you put this behind you. When you leave and became a reserve member of the Purple Crows, you can check out who that person was to see if there's anything you can do for him then," Lin Huang continued.

Xiao Mo was quiet for a while before he nodded.

"Also, keep yourself busy so that you will not be thinking of such nonsense. Let's battle in the training tower. It'll be good for you to release those pent-up emotions," Lin Huang said.

"I shall head to the training tower then," Xiao Mo said as he stood up. He then waved goodbye to Lin Huang and left.

Lin Huang sat by his bed to look at the gift from Fang Wen and the rest. The space storage ring was not big, it was just about 1,000

square cubic meters but there were 3,000 Life Crystals within it. One Life Crystal was equivalent to 100 years while the 3,000 Life Crystals could be traded for three billion credit points!

"Wow! That was so generous of Fang Wen! Perhaps he's royalty, and surely not from a small royal family either..." It was not easy for him to just guess Fang Wen's family background as only royalty could have been this generous.

After keeping Fang Wen's ring, Lin Huang looked at the sword skill given to him by Li Li. He then looked at the details of the skill crystals. Wildfire Sword was created by a sword master 300 years ago from combining a variety of sword skills over a span of seven years...

"Xiao Hei, how's this sword skill?" Lin Huang knew that there would be nothing good about what Xiao Hei was going to say as he had yet to start training with it.

"Are you messing around with me?" Xiao Hei replied. Lin Huang did not expect to hear that. He sat up straight in an instant. The only combat skill that was on an Epic level was his Great Sword Scripture, he could not believe it when he heard Xiao Hei say that this new sword skill could be upgraded to an Epic soon.

"I have never lied to you. This sword skill has yet to be completed, but it has great potential. I suggest you train with it immediately," Xiao Hei said.

It was the first time Lin Huang heard Xiao Hei giving such a

positive comment about a combat skill.

"If this became Epic, and compared to the Great Sword Scripture, which is more powerful?"

"I can't compare it before you obtained the skill card," Xiao Hei said, almost mockingly.

After some thought, Lin Huang figured that this sword skill would need card pieces and he would not be able to accumulate them in such a short period of time. He would need massive amounts of energy and time once he got into the flow of training. However, what was more important now was to find a way to escape within the remaining two and a half months.

He then kept the combat skill crystal and looked at other gifts one by one. With the amazing sword skill, none of the gifts excited him anymore. After a rough look, Lin Huang laid on his bed and started thinking about ways to escape. Although his life at the training camp was good and people of the Purple Crow organization liked him, Lin Huang did not like the way they operate. It was impossible for him to be a part of such an organization.

"Scarface must be watching me now. As soon as I use the transformation card, he will notice that my vibe disappeared. There's no way that I can escape..."

"Also, there are no blind spots in the entire foothold since there are cameras all around. We don't even have the privacy when we

use the toilets and when we shower. We're being watched 24 hours a day. They were even monitor birds in the training space..."

"It seems like there are only two ways to escape. One is to become a reserve member of the Purple Crow and be taken away by the staff. Another way is with my dead body being sent out of the foothold..."

"Which means, to escape this place, the only possible way is to fake my death!" Lin Huang concluded.

"However, I must know where they will send my dead body to and how they will handle my corpse. If something goes wrong, I might then be dead, for real..."

After some thought, Lin Huang started to plan his escape. He walked out of his room and looked at the courtyard from the balcony. Gong Sunying's dead body was no longer there. He smirked and walked into the room next door. He knocked on the metal door, "Do you know which room is Fang Wen staying in?" he asked his neighbor.

## Chapter 136: Fang Wen's Information

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Fang Wen stayed in Room 1801 in the building across. Lin Huang got to his room number easily. Although they were supposed to be training now, as long as they did not enter the training tower, they were allowed to move around within the residential area but they were not allowed to leave. Although the dormitory did not have an elevator, it was still a breeze for Lin Huang to get up to the 18th floor.

As he walked on the corridor, he noticed that Fang Wen's door was opened.

"Luckily he's here."

Just when Lin Huang was making his way to his room, he hears a woman's voice. Not one, but two voices. Lin Huang did not expect that Fang Wen would do something so inappropriate.

"Who is that?!" Somebody shouted from the room. Fang Wen walked out with a white robe. It was awkward but Lin Huang turned around and waved at him, "Oh, good morning..."

"Lin Huang?" Fang Wen did not expect him to come but he wanted to talk to him so he said, "Give me a minute, let me clean up."

"It's alright, you seem busy. I'll come by tomorrow." Lin Huang knew he was interrupting the fun.

"It's alright, I can have that anytime I want. You're more important, just give me two to three minutes." Fang Wen then returned to his room.

A moment later, two tall ladies sprinted out from his room with their pajamas and left. Fang Wen dressed up appropriately and nodded to Lin Huang, "You can come in now."

Lin Huang was stunned by the size and decor of the room, "Your room is so big and luxurious!"

"I renovated it myself. If you wanted it, I believe the manager would do the same for you." Fang Wen knew very well that Lin Huang must have even someone even stronger supporting him from the shadows.

"That won't be necessary; I won't be staying here for long you see." Lin Huang shook his head and followed Fang Wen into his room.

There was a living room, a bathroom, a bedroom and a kitchen in Fang Wen's room. The four partitions took up the space of ten regular sized rooms. It was at least ten times bigger than Lin Huang's room and there was still a feminine scent lingering in the living room. However, it was really clean. At least Lin Huang could not see anything that was messy or dirty.

"Come, come, have a seat." Fang Wen said, pointing at the couch.

Lin Huang hesitated as he was not sure if the couch was where Fang Wen had intercourse earlier.

"Don't worry, I didn't do it on the couch today. I have done that before but I would always get someone to clean the covers." Fang Wen explained.

Lin Huang shook his head while he got himself a chair. Fang Wen did not say anything as proceeded to sit on the couch. He smiled at Lin Huang, "Bro Lin Huang, is there anything that I could do to help you?"

"This is what happened. I realized that I have lost one of my storage rings this morning. I couldn't find it anywhere in my room. I thought about it and figured I must have lost it in Gong Sunying's clothes when I was searching his dead body yesterday. However, his dead body is gone now. I know you must know more than I do, so I'd like to know how they handled his corpse? Is there any way that I could get my ring back?"

"I think it's a difficult task. Is there anything valuable in the ring?" Fang Wen bought Lin Huang's lie.

"There's nothing valuable, just some equipment and Life Crystals. However, it was a gift from a girl. This would upset her." What Lin Huang said was not a complete lie because the ring was indeed given by Leng Yuexin.

"Ahh... It's a gift of love..." Fang Wen teased.

"Is there any way to get it back?" Lin Huang continued to ask. He did not want to give too much information.

"I don't think so, I bet you have no idea how they handle dead bodies here." Fang Wen then explained the process to Lin Huang patiently.

"If someone died in the training camp, a truck would pick up the dead body on the day itself and toss it from the cliff outside the camp and monsters will feed on it. This area is practically a graveyard. Since Gong Sunying's body was collected yesterday, your ring was either taken by the staff or its already in the monster's stomach, bro. Either way, it's impossible to retrieve it."

"If the girl who gave you the ring is really important, I have an idea for you. Once you get out, get a ring that looks exactly the same, possibly with the same amount of storage space. She won't know the difference." Fang Wen said to Lin Huang.

"That's a great idea." Lin Huang nodded. Fang Wen knew so much more than the rest, he even knew the exact location of the training camp. He had gotten the most important information from Fang Wen, which was how the camp handled corpses.

"It's a pity that Gong Sunying doesn't have a proper grave." Fang Wen sighed, "If he had the same background as we did, at least his body would not be thrown away like a piece of trash."

Lin Huang was stunned, he then asked, "Would the treatment be



different if the background is different?"

"Of course. Those who come with a good background would have their dead body kept for their family to collect. The camp doesn't want to offend anyone, keeping the dead body is for the family or person-in-charge to do as they wish, probably an autopsy to find out the real reason of death if that's what they want." Lin Huang was concerned after hearing Fang Wen's explanation.

"What's wrong, you don't look too good." Fang Wen noticed Lin Huang's became fidgety.

"I ate something cold this morning, my stomach doesn't feel too well. I need to go back now." Lin Huang lied.

"If you cannot hold it, you can use my bathroom here." Fang Wen was generous.

"It's alright, I will go back to my room." Lin Huang bid him farewell.

Lin Huang was frowning all the way back from Fang Wen's room. If he faked his death, he could successfully leave the camp. However, Scarface would definitely keep his dead body and inform Hong Zhuang. Even if he managed to escape before Hong Zhuang's return, she would know that he faked his death if there was no body. By then, the trouble would be even more serious. That was not what he wanted, he wanted to disappear and leave no trace behind.

"What should I do?" Lin Huang squatted on the toilet bowl and mumbled to himself. Since he told Fang Wen that his stomach was not well, he had to continue his act or Scarface man might find out that he was up to something. After half an hour, Lin Huang could not think of anything. However, he recalled that he had yet to accumulate the 10 cross-ranking rewards.

"I shall get the 10 bronze-level cross-ranking reward cards and hopefully I can get something that could help me escape..." After cleaning himself, he then pressed the flush button and put his pants on. He headed to the training tower. He entered a vacant door on the sixth floor. This time, he did not summon Bai. Instead, he took out his bronze-level battle sword and started killing the monsters.

An hour later, two circles of Life Power were consumed. He then left the training room and proceeded to the seventh floor. There were silver-level rank-1 monsters on the seventh floor, it was his first time on this floor. He chose a vacant room and summoned Bai.

"Xiao Hei, disconnect my Life Wheel from Bai's temporarily."

"Life Wheel has been disconnected."

When his Life Wheel was disconnected, Lin Huang could not obtain Life Power from Bai. It was what he wanted. He consumed his Life Power on the sixth floor on purpose to prevent himself from having his Life Power getting filled and the Life Light Baptism from happening. After all, he had just broken through bronze-level rank-3 not long ago and the Life Power in his body

was not stable yet. If he were to receive the Life Light Baptism under such conditions, his Life Power might go haywire and possibly break his Life Wheel or cause death.

"Bai, block the other monsters. Give me two at once." Lin Huang instructed Bai.

Since he was a bronze-level rank-3, he could handle silver-level rank-1 monsters. However, there were too many monsters here. If they were to attack all at once, he would have to run away. That was why he had Bai control the number of monsters he would fight. Bai nodded and extended his Blood Power wings. Standing right in front of Lin Huang, a pair of wings were transformed into an arena that measured 50 meters by 50 meters while the other wings were transformed into two long vines to tie up two monsters. He then tossed the two monsters into the arena that Lin Huang was in.

"Great job!"

Lin Huang did not expect Bai to create an arena just for him, he gave Bai a thumbs up. The ring on this right middle finger was then transformed into a bronze-level battle sword. He lifted the sword and plunged towards the two monsters...

## Chapter 137: Obtaining Cross-Ranking Rewards Again!

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A sword glow flashed in the air, there was a stream of blood beneath the silver-level rank-1 Giant Horned Rhino's neck. At first, the flowing blood was as thin as a strand of hair but soon, it gushed out like a waterfall when the wound tore open. The Giant Horned Rhino fell to the ground and dust filled the air.

"10th monster..." Lin Huang sheathed his sword in the scabbard and stood nearby the monster.

"You have completed a cross-ranking kill, you are rewarded with a Deception Card x1!"

"You have completed a cross-ranking kill, you are rewarded with a Mission Card x1!"

"10 cross-raking rewards and 20 reward cards..." Lin Huang spent less than five minutes to complete 10 cross-ranking kills. With the Double Card, he had received 20 reward cards.

After obtaining all the reward cards, he did not leave the training room immediately. Instead, he got Bai to kill the silver-level rank-1 monsters with him until the effects of the Double Card ran out after one hour. He managed to accumulate more than 600 silver-level monster card pieces. It was 11 a.m. when he left the training tower. As it was the training period, there was nowhere else that he could go so he headed back to his room.

Lying on the bed, Lin Huang took out the modified CopperSparrow23 from his storage. While checking out the gun, he secretly contacted Xiao Hei.

"Xiao Hei, take a look at the 20 cross-ranking reward cards that I just got."

"You have obtained cross-ranking reward cards as follows: Skill Combination Card x1, Seal Card x1, Deception Card x1, Advance Card x2, Life Power Storage Card x2, Double Card x2, Healing Card x2, Provisional Transformation Card x2, Mission Card x3, Item Card x4."

Lin Huang took a look at the new cards that he had never seen before.

"Skill Combination Card"

"Function: User can combine skills of the same type with a chance of upgrading it to a higher level."

"Remarks: Consumable, each card can only be used once."

"I can use this since my monster skills are full. By combining my skills, I'll have empty slots for other skills." Lin Huang had his monster skill slots filled for quite some time now, the only way to obtain more monster skills was to either combine them or delete them. He had been hoping to get this Skill Combination Card for a

long time now.

"Seal Card"

"Function: User can seal a monster within the user's mastery level and transform it into a Monster Card."

"Remarks: The sealed monster has to be within the user's field of vision. Monsters with a rarity beyond the user's mastery can't be sealed. Consumable, each card can only be used once."

"Xiao Hei, I can seal a monster into a monster card directly?" Lin Huang wanted to be sure.

"Yes."

"I should be able to seal an epic-level monster, am I right? Does that mean I can seal any epic-level monsters with no limit to its combat strength?" Lin Huang asked immediately.

"What if I encounter a demigod?"

"There's no limit to the monster's combat strength, there's only limit to its rarity. As long as its rarity is within the user's mastery, a demigod-level could be sealed as well. However, the combat strength of the sealed monster depends on the combat strength of the user."

Lin Huang smirked as Xiao Hei explained. This card was too good to be true. He put the card down and looked at the last card that he was unfamiliar with.

### "Deception Card"

"Function: After this card has been activated, the user can create a fake incident trick everyone into believing the user."

"Warning: The success rate is not 100%, it depends on the credibility of the fake incident."

"Tips: Increase the credibility of the fake incident by linking it to a real-life event."

"Remarks: The user can set the activation time and affected area for this card."

Lin Huang thought he could totally use this card to escape from the camp but he was not sure of the exact effect it could cause. He proceeded to ask many questions regarding the card. A few moments later, Xiao Hei concluded in two sentences.

"Put simply, this card allows you to become a temporary film director and you get to direct whatever it is that's on your mind that you want people to believe as the truth. The quality and credibility of the film depend on you."

Xiao Hei's conclusion gave Lin Huang a solid idea of the function

of the card.

"It seems like I'll have to plan how I want my film to be..."

After checking out the three cards he was unfamiliar with, he looked at the remaining cards and the three extra mission cards. He frowned.

"Activated two Life Power Storage Cards." Lin Huang activated the Life Power Storage Cards without hesitation.

"Life Power Storage Cards activated."

Soon, there were two additional Life Wheels added to Lin Huang's body. However, the columns were empty, without any Life Power in them. Later on, he looked at the Skill Combination Cards that he had never seen before. After some thought, he instructed Xiao Hei again.

"Activate Skill Combination Card!"

"Skill Combination Card activated"

"Choose from the below four combinations."

"1. Combine Sword Skills: Great Sword Scripture, Thunder Sword, Mountain Blade"



"2. Combine Movement Skills: Spectral Snowsteps, Cloud Steps"

"3. Combine Vision Skills: Magic Eye Deterrence, Boundless Vision, Third Eye"

"4. Combine Disguise Skills: Supreme Breath, Form Changer"

"Please choose one."

"Combine Supreme Breath and Form Changer ." What Lin Huang needed the most now was disguising skills, he chose the fourth one without hesitation.

"Skill Combination Card activated. Monster skills Supreme Breath and Form Changer have been combined. New skill card is progress..."

"Congratulations! You have obtained new skill card - Advanced Disguise "

" Advanced Disguise : By using this skill, you can alter your features, body and even aura. You could even deceive a transcendent within a certain distance."

"Remarks: You can't disguise yourself as anything that is not in human form."

"This is exactly what I need." Lin Huang was satisfied with what

he had obtained. Although he could not alter his human form, altering his aura was what he needed.

"Take a look at all my other cards that are not Monster Cards." Lin Huang instructed Xiao Hei again.

"You have a total of 30 cards: Seal Card x1, Deception Card x1, Small Destruction Card x1, Flawless Card x2, Treasure Card x3, Advance Card x3, Double Card x3, Mission Card x3, Healing Card x4, Item Card x4, Provisional Transformation Card x5."

Lin Huang stared at the Advance Card.

"Xiao Hei, can I use the Advance Card to upgrade my Substitute Life Seed into the secret skill, Scapegoat?"

"No, you can only upgrade to a higher level Life Seed."

"What is the effect of the upgrade?"

"The first upgrade will be an enhanced Substitute Life Seed and it would increase the number of times you can use the skill each day from three to nine times."

"The second upgrade will be Cheating Death Life Seed, it allows you to cheat death one time."

"Upgrade my Substitute Life Seed twice!" Lin Huang did not

hesitate at all.

"Consuming three Advance Cards."

"Upgrading Substitute Life Seed twice... Congratulations, you have received a new Life Seed card - Cheating Death Life Seed."

"Life Seed Name: Cheating Death ."

"Talent Effect: You can cheat death one time in the form of a faux body (Effects you can be saved from includes but is not limited to curses, mind-control, and death). You can only use it once a year."

"Acquisition Method: Unknown"

"This card is too good to be true. Not only can it cheat death from a physical attack, it can also save him from other unfortunate events..." Lin Huang's jaw dropped when he saw the new Life Seed that he had just obtained.

"The only downside is that I can only use it once a year..."

Although he was not happy with the frequency he can use Cheating Death , he was satisfied with the card.

"Since I have the ability to fake my own death now, it's time to rewrite the script. What story do I tell to make it more credible?" Lin Huang thought to himself.

## Chapter 138: Chain Mission

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Lin Huang was in his room for the entire day to plan his escape. When it was five in the evening, Xiao Mo returned with dinner. Although was wounded, he looked happy.

"Boss Lin, here's your dinner." He said loudly once he got into the room. Lin Huang did not know if Xiao Mo was younger or older than him. However, according to his age on earth, it was inappropriate for Xiao Mo to address him as uncle. He did not want to correct Xiao Mo.

Lin Huang got up from his bed and had his dinner. He then asked, "Do you know which room Li Li stays in?"

"He's staying on the 18th floor, Room 1803." Xiao Mo nodded, "Are you looking for him?"

"He has good sword skills, I thought of dropping by for a chat with him after dinner." Lin Huang nodded, "How have you been today?"

"I chose my Life Seed and submitted it to the management. They said they would send my Life Seed monster in a couple of days and they also told me to prepare myself." No wonder Xiao Mo was in a good mood, he was ready for his breakthrough.

"That's great, which Life Seed did you choose?" Lin Huang was curious.

"Since I don't have enough strength, I chose the robust Life Seed." Xiao Mo scratched his head.

"It's good to choose what suits you the best. Do not care about what others say." Lin Huang nodded. With Xiao Mo's ability, it was not easy for him to kill the Life Seed monster so it was not practical for him to get a Life Seed that was beyond his control.

After dinner, Lin Huang headed to the 18th floor. Li Li's room was 1803 but 1801 and 1802 were vacant. Li Li was having dinner when Lin Huang arrived at his door, he was alone in the room. He was stunned to see Lin Huang, he then waved at him, "Come in."

"Why did you decide to skip two rooms and stay in 1803 instead?" Lin Huang smiled and asked as he walked into his room.

"I was the third one who moved into this floor when the other two left, I was too lazy to move." Li Li explained in all seriousness.

"Is that so..."

"Is there anything that I can help you with?" Li Li put down his chopsticks.

"Nothing important, we can talk after you are done eating." Lin Huang shook his head.

"I can eat anytime, do tell." Li Li kept his bento box.

"I checked out the sword skill you gave me this afternoon and I have to admit it's pretty good. I would like some advice as to how you obtained it?"

"I am glad to hear that. I was worried that you may not like it." Li Li then began to tell the story of how he obtained the sword skill.

"I love this sword very much and I had trained with it for two to three years. Wildfire Sword was a gift from my father when I was 14. He said that if I could master the skill in half a year, I would be able to master all the sword skills. If I failed, it would mean that I am mediocre in my sword skills and I should not waste my time trying. Half a year later, I failed to master the skill. Knowing that I'm not gifted enough, I listened to what my father said and started to train in the gun skills of my family and that was the last time I ever used a sword..."

Lin Huang was shocked because it was obvious that Li Li was cheated by his father. After some research, Lin Huang noticed that Wildfire Sword was as difficult than the first chapter of the Great Sword Scripture . Even if a person was gifted with the sword, it was quite impossible to master it within half a year. Li Li's father must have known that but Li Li was too young to understand so he thought he really was not gifted with swords. However, Lin Huang did not want to interfere in their family affairs so he kept quiet.

"I see that the sword skill was created by a sword master 300 years ago by combining a variety of sword skills. Do you happen to know who the master is? I thought maybe I could speak to him on

the techniques." Lin Huang revealed why he asked the question.

"I have no idea but I could ask my father once I get out, he might know." Li Li shook his head, he had no idea who was the founder of the sword skill as well.

"It's okay if we can't find out, I'll just spend more time to master the skill." Lin Huang laughed, "Oh yeah, how long until you get to the 100th day?"

"63 days more and I should rank on first three." Li Li was confident with himself. He had accumulated more than 500,000 points than the person who ranked fourth. It would not be easy for the person to catch up.

"I still have more than 70 days before someone comes for me..." Lin Huang revealed his situation.

"You have a good background so you don't have to worry about your ranking. It's a different story for us because we have to follow the rule." Li Li laughed.

"I'm just thinking that the person who is coming for me would take a couple of days to arrive here from the headquarters so I might need to wait another 80 days..." Lin Huang silently thought to himself.

"That won't happen. They have a designated person in each division, they will arrive within seconds. Even if there's a delay

from the division to the training camp, it would only take a couple of minutes." Li Li smiled as he explained.

Lin Huang smirked, this was what he wanted to hear from Li Li. He beat around the bush just to find out how long Hong Zhuang would take to arrive at the training camp from the headquarters. Now that he got what he wanted, he proceeded to make some small talk with Li Li before leaving. He felt his plan was getting more and more concrete.

"If I fake my death, Scarface would definitely inform Hong Zhuang. If Hong Zhuang was not busy at the moment, she would be here within minutes. Since the traffic isn't too bad from the headquarter to Division7, she would still take a couple of minutes to come here. So, the possibility of her picking up my dead body on the day itself is pretty high... If that came true, I would not have to worry about the time limit of the Deception Card."

Lin Huang had checked with Xiao Hei earlier and found out that the time limit for the Deception Card was one month. That was the reason why he visited Li Li to ask how long it would take from the headquarter to the training camp. If the journey took one month, when Hong Zhuang arrives, the effect of the Deception CARD would disappear. After he got a rough idea of the escape plan, Lin Huang planned to make it more concrete by adding more details to his ultimate plan. He spent most of his time 'sleeping'.

However, his behavior upset Scarface. Finally, one fine afternoon, the man spoke from the loudspeaker.

"Lin Huang, come to my office now!"



Lin Huang thought that it was ridiculous that the man requested to see him. Everyone in the training camp thought it was strange too, it was the first time the manager requested for someone to see him.

"He really does have an outstanding background..." Many of the participants thought.

Lin Huang then headed to the training tower, a man in black uniform had been waiting for him at the bottom of the tower.

"Follow me." Lin Huang followed him into the elevator and arrived at the top floor of the training tower. Arriving at the huge office, the man had his feet on the table with a cigar in his mouth. Lin Huang walked towards him.

"Master, are you looking for me?"

"You slept for the entire day? Your ranking dropped to third, you are now behind Li Li." The man put down his cigar and stared at Lin Huang with crossed arms.

"The points are useless, I would rather let someone rank higher." Lin Huang said.

"Why can't you change your mindset to get to the top instead? Hong Zhuang would be proud of you if that happens." The man advised him.

Just when Lin Huang wanted to say 'Hong Zhuang would not mind the ranking', a notification box popped up before him.

"Chain Mission activated due to special circumstances."

"Chain Mission 1: Rank #1 on the Purple Crow training camp leaderboard and maintain for three days. Mission Time Limit: 7 days."

"Chain Mission 2: After the first mission is completed, escape the training camp without anyone noticing. Mission Time Limit: 3 days."

"Mission Reward: Advance Card x2"

"If you fail the mission, one Skill Card and one Monster Card will be taken away."

"The mission will fail if you only manage to complete one mission. There would not be a reward but a punishment instead."

"Alright then, I shall get to the top."

"That's right, young people should have that attitude! You know that you have the ability but you don't do it, wouldn't it be a shame to let your talent go to waste?" The man was happy to hear what Lin Huang said.

"Is there anything else, master?" Lin Huang asked.

"That would be all, you can leave now. It's just that you have been sleeping these few days, I didn't want you to get left behind, that's why I called you here. Now that you understand what I want for you, you can leave." The man continued smoking his cigar as he gestured for Lin Huang to leave.

"I shall make a move then." Lin Huang then turned around and headed to the elevator...

# Chapter 139: Deception Card - Activated!

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The first chain mission was to rank first on the leaderboard within seven days and to maintain the ranking for three days. That being said, Lin Huang was only left with four days to achieve that. Lin Huang frowned when he realized that he was 1.3 million points away from Fang Wen who ranked the first and more than 500,000 points away from Li Li who ranked the third. After he arrived on the first floor by elevator, he then walked all the way up to the 10th floor of the training tower.

There were gold-level rank-1 monsters on the 10th floor. Scarface noticed that Lin Huang was getting serious about his ranking. Most of the doors on this floor were vacant and so Lin Huang randomly picked one and entered. After summoning Bai, Lin Huang asked Xiao Hei to disconnect his Life Wheel with Bai immediately. As Bai's four Blood Power wings were opened, he entered his battle mode. Every slash would decapitate a monster's head. Although he was only white silver-level rank-3, the gold-level rank-1 monsters were nothing to him.

After five hours in the tower, it was already five in the evening. Lin Huang had obtained almost one million points. He had surpassed Li Li and was only 400,000 points away from Fang Wen. He then left the tower, had dinner and entered the tower again when it was seven at night. He stayed until 10 p.m. and managed to obtain 600,000 points within three hours and surpassed Fang Wen. He was now top-ranked on the leaderboard.

However, his points were merely 100,000 more than Fang Wen. Nevertheless, the news soon caught the people's attention. Lin Huang's points were stagnant for many days but now, because it

had skyrocketed, people guessed it was due to the manager.

"Maybe the manager gave Lin Huang something in return so that he would do what he asked?" There were many speculations among the people. Even Fang Wen was skeptical as he knew from Lin Huang that he did not care about his ranking. However, he started to think that it was related to the manager who asked for him in the afternoon.

When Lin Huang arrived in his room, Xiao Mo looked at him in admiration, "Boss Lin, you're now No.1."

"Yup," Lin Huang nodded, "I will have to head to the training tower again tomorrow to maintain my ranking."

Lin Huang slept early that night. The next morning, he headed straight to the training tower right after breakfast. He bumped into Fang Wen while he was on his way, Fang Wen called out his name from far.

"Lin Huang, you have been extra hardworking these two days."

"Yea, same goes for you." Lin Huang nodded and smiled.

"Did the manager say something to you?" Fang Wen walked closer and lowered his voice.

"I think so." Lin Huang nodded. Since everyone was speculating, that would be the most reasonable excuse he had. Fang Wen did

not ask further. Now that Lin Huang wanted to be the first, he would have to give in as nobody could beat him in the training camp.

On the next day, Lin Huang spent all his time at the training tower. He spent 11 hours and gained 2.2 million points, he was now far away from Fang Wen; about two million points ahead of Fang Wen who was ranked second. He had now gotten himself a new nickname in the training camp - Point Accumulation Maniac. On the third day, he managed to obtain another two million points.

On the fourth afternoon, a notification from the first accomplished mission popped up.

"Chain Mission 1: Rank first on the Purple Crow training camp leaderboard and maintain the rank for three days. (Completed)"

"Chain Mission 2: After the first mission is completed, escape the training camp without anyone noticing. Mission Time Limit: 3 days. The countdown has begun..."

Lin Huang did not stop killing monsters. He stayed in the training tower until 5:30 p.m. and obtained another 1.6 million points. He then left the training tower. After dinner, Lin Huang headed to the point redemption counter and redeemed a modified gold-level equipment called the GoldEagle<sup>11</sup> for 7.2 million points with his 7.5 million points. He then went back to the training tower after that.

This time, he went to the sixth floor instead of the 10th floor. On

the sixth floor, he began training Wildfire Sword . Whenever monsters approached him, he would use his other sword skills to kill them before he continued training Wildfire Sword and because of the occasional monster attacks, he noticed that he obtained skills card pieces much quicker. Lin Huang was quite gifted in the sword department and had managed to master quite a few styles. He could even kill one or two monsters with Wildfire Sword .

After three hours, it was already 10 at night. Lin Huang managed to accumulate 11 skill card pieces. As the training period had ended, Lin Huang headed back to the residential area, took a shower and headed to his room. He lay on his bed and thought to himself, "Two and a half days more..."

On the next morning, he headed to the sixth floor of the training tower to train Wildfire Sword . Although he still did not manage to master it, after a day of practice, he was close to mastering Wildfire Sword .

At night, he chatted with Xiao Mo.

"Xiao Mo, have you ever thought of what to do when you became a transcendent one day?"

"I... Have never thought of that... It should be... difficult to become a transcendent..." Xiao Mo was stunned at Lin Huang's question, "Boss Lin, how about you? I think there wouldn't be a problem for you to become one!"

"Being a transcendent isn't my ultimate goal, my goal is to

become a demigod. First I'll be a demigod... I'm not sure if I can become a real god one day." Lin Huang revealed his ambitious goal and said immediately, "However, it's a difficult path. Perhaps I would die halfway through my journey... If I really do die, I don't want my dead body to be left in public for people to gawk at. The best scenario would be burning into ashes, it's clean-cut and nothing would be left behind..."

"Boss Lin please don't say that. You are a good person, you will live long." Xiao Mo said immediately. They chatted until 1 a.m. before heading to bed. On the third day, Lin Huang smirked as he headed out.

"Xiao Hei, activate the Deception Card."

"Once the Deception is activated, you will have to complete the fake incident within a day. Are you sure you want to activate the card?" Xiao Hei said.

"Confirm activation." Lin Huang did not hesitate at all, he was only left with one and a half day before the mission ended. He did not have much time.

"Deception Card activated; please complete the fake incident as soon as possible."

"Please set the starting point of the fake incident at my moment of death." Lin Huang set the starting point.



"Starting point has been set"

Lin Huang headed to the training tower. This time, he headed to the seventh floor. There were silver-level rank-1 monsters on the seventh floor. Lin Huang entered a vacant room. This time, he did not summon Bai but instead, killed all the monsters on his own. To Lin Huang who was already bronze-level rank-3, silver-level rank-1 monsters were quite manageable but it was not as relaxed as the sixth floor. No matter speed or strength, silver-level monsters were incomparable with bronze-level rank-3 monsters.

However, with Lin Huang's amazing movement, he managed to kill many monsters but it was less efficient. As he stayed in the training room, different varieties of monsters appeared more and more often. Lin Huang leaped and landed on the back of a Giant Horned Rhino and stabbed his sword into its neck. The Giant Horned Rhino fell to the ground in an instant.

Suddenly, a grayish-black shadow plunged from his back. It was a Ruinshade Wolf, a monster that was an expert in sneak attacks. Lin Huang did not see it coming, he fell to the ground and it bit the back of his neck. A crack was heard, he knew that his neck was broken. He used his backhand and sliced the Ruinshade Wolf into half as he attempted to stand up. At that moment, the Giant Horned Rhino stomped at him with its front hoofs.

Lin Huang's spine and ribs were broken from the stomp, even his organs were mushed up. With one hit, Lin Huang fell to the ground. He was dead...

A notification came from Xiao Hei.

"You are dead, initiating fake incident now..."

# Chapter 140: Faking Death

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It felt like the time stopped in the training room. The Giant Horned Rhino who was stepping on Lin Huang's body froze. Other monsters that were coming to Lin Huang froze too. The monitor bite that was not far away paused in the air. The entire room was frozen. It felt as if someone pushed a pause button.

A body appeared nearby Lin Huang's corpse, it was the body would be used to fake Lin Huang's death.

"The Ruinshade Wolf came just in time. I thought I'd need to lure more monsters to attack me later on, but that one wolf surprised me. It had saved much of my time." Lin Huang did not expect the Ruinshade Wolf to attack him. If he did not fake his death, he could have summoned Bai to save him when his neck was bitten and things would not go this way. However, since he was faking his death, Lin Huang just allowed things to happen. Seconds later, he was dead under the Giant Horned Rhino hoof.

"Please create the fake incident."

"Now I need to create a fake corpse to replace my corpse and I'll use the Deception Card to make everyone believe that it was my real corpse. I want everyone to know that I died in the training room and never regained consciousness."

The replacement corpse will disappear within seconds so Lin Huang needed a prop for his corpse. The Deception Card would follow the story he created and come out with a variety of

deceptive items.

"The corpse needs be an exact replica of mine. It must also have the same rings I have such as the Emperor's Heart ring. The color and size must also be the same. If the Giant Horned Rhino proceeds to attack, let it attack me even more to cause even more damage to my body."

"All the items created by the Deception Card would be exactly the same as the real thing until the time limit is exceeded and everything disappears."

"It's okay, in one month's time, they will lose my equipment rings. With the way Scarface's is, he will not allow other people to touch my stuff and Hong Zhuang would not want my stuff anyway. I emphasized this just to make sure everything goes well." Lin Huang nodded.

"Please select the target to deceive."

"That would be all the creatures that saw my corpse. The monitor bird, surveillance cameras, videos taken from the Emperor's Heart Ring, mirrors and everything that has a trace of my corpse."

"Faking death isn't complicated; all I need is to let people think that I'm dead." Lin Huang smirked, "As long as the Purple Crow thinks that I'm dead, they won't look for me anymore."

"Is there anything else?"

"I need to cover my tracks from the time I fake my death so that nobody can sense my presence; Hong Zhuang and other hunters included." Lin Huang added.

"Items and effects in progress..."

"Items have been created..."

Lin Huang used a Provisional Transformation Card and transformed himself into the Specter. He dove underground. Now that his aura was wiped away, nobody would know that he was hiding under the corpse in the form of Specter. Soon, a notification popped up.

"Deception Card will be effective for one month.'

"Time will resume, inserting fake incident now..."

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Frozen time returned to normal in the training room. The monitor bird flapped its wings and captured Lin Huang's death.

Soon, Scarface saw the video clip. He was shocked because he had been watching Lin Huang these days and felt puzzled when he did not summon Bai on the seventh floor. He did not expect this to happen at all. The Ruinshade Wolf came out of nowhere and

plunged onto Lin Huang. Lin Huang fell to the ground and it seemed like he broke his neck. Although he managed to kill the Ruinshade Wolf, a Giant Horned Rhino came and stomped on him.

Lin Huang did not die on the first stomp but he stopped moving completely after a few stomps and in the end, his body was deformed. The man rushed to the seventh floor and found the training room Lin Huang was in. He forced the door to open and found Lin Huang's corpse in an instant. He clapped once and all the monsters that were present died on the spot.

Lin Huang saw him and immediately entered the corpse in his spectral form. He needed to follow the fake corpse or the room would still show that there were people in the training room. The man flipped Lin Huang around. His body was deformed by the stomping of the Giant Horned Rhino. All of his bones were crushed and his organs were destroyed.

"How did this happen?!" The man could not believe what he was seeing although Lin Huang's body was right in front of him and he saw what exactly happened in the video clip. After some investigating, the man figured out how Lin Huang died. After some thought, he picked up Lin Huang's body and ran out of the training room. He headed back to his office and placed Lin Huang's body on the ground as he called someone.

Lin Huang left the body and dove into the ground while watching the story unfold.

"Get me a coffin and send it to my office." The man said directly after the phone was picked up.

"Do you mean a coffin for a corpse?" The person who picked up the phone thought it was a mistake.

"If a coffin is not for a corpse, what would it be used for?!" The man was already angry and upon hearing the person asking something stupid, he shouted at the person.

"I... I understand, I'll send it right away!" The staff dared not ask further.

The man took a deep breath and looked at Lin Huang's corpse, he was frowning. Six minutes later, the man in sunglasses who was responsible for public executions came into the office. He was shocked to see Lin Huang's corpse.

"Put him in the coffin." The man said.

The man in sunglasses did not ask any further as he put Lin Huang's corpse into the coffin carefully.

Just as he was attempting to cover the coffin, he was stopped by the man.

"It's alright, you can leave now." The man in sunglasses nodded and left. The man then called another number. After two rings, the video call was connected.

"Why are you calling me? Did something happen?" It was the middle-aged transcendent Lu Xuan in the video call.

"Something happened to the kid that you sent." The man looked at Lu Xuan in all seriousness.

"It's alright if it's something small as long as you don't kill him." Lu Xuan waved his hand. He thought Lin Huang broke the rules in the training camp.

"The kid is dead..." The man said helplessly.

"What?!" Lu Xuan's eyes were opened wide, "What happened?"

The man then told him the story, "There's nothing that I can do, everything happened too fast. When I went to him after seeing the video clip, he was already dead..."

"I already told you that you need to watch after him and now he's dead under your watch... It's not that you don't know about Master Hong Zhuang's temper, we're in big trouble now." Lu Xuan did not know what to do.

"What should we do, we can't cheat our way out." The man was in a pickle.

"We can't hide this from her, we must let her know immediately. If she found out that we hid the truth from her, the consequences would be worse." Lu Xuan said, "I'll inform her now. You try to get



someone who is more powerful than Lin Huang from the camp and recommend it to Master Hong Zhuang."

"More powerful than Lin Huang? I don't think there's anyone in the entire Division7 training camp that could be more powerful than him." The man said, "You didn't know that the kid was an Imperial Censor, am I right? He even had a vampire that went through two mutations..."

"No wonder Master Hong Zhuang recommended him..." Lu Xuan finally got some context.

"Stop talking nonsense, what should we do now!" The man did not know what to do.

"We can only tell her the truth. I'll inform her and get her to see the corpse. You get the video clip from the camera so that you can show her when she comes by." Lu Xuan thought that was the only way.

"It's our fault, after all... We'll have to bear her temper..."

# Chapter 141: Handling The Corpse

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Hong Zhuang did not believe that Lin Huang was dead when she first heard the news from Lu Xuan. She thought that Lin Huang would escape the training camp instead of dying. She soon realized that Lu Xuan was not joking.

"Are you sure that Lin Huang is dead?" Hong Zhuang frowned.

"I confirmed this with Scarface." Lu Xuan explained.

"I'm coming over now." Hong Zhuang hung up the phone.

Soon, a black metal door appeared in Lu Xuan's room. It was opened and a lady in black coat walked in, there was a red Purple Crow logo on the left side of her collar. Hong Zhuang kept the door and said to Lu Xuan, "Bring me there."

Lu Xuan nodded and summoned a red wooden door. The duo stepped in and entered Scarface's office. The first thing they saw was the coffin that made of gold velvet wood.

Hong Zhuang she did not even look at Scarface and asked directly, "How did he die?" Scarface told her the story and showed her the video clip in the training room. Hong Zhuang frowned and kept quiet after she saw the video clip. She then looked at Lu Xuan, "Bring out the dead body."

"Put it there." Hong Zhuang pointed at Scarface's desk. Scarface

did not dare to disagree and nodded, "Yes, put it here. The table is big." Lu Xuan placed Lin Huang's body on the table. Hong Zhuang then walked over and said, "Flip him over so that his back is facing upwards." Lu Xuan then flipped Lin Huang's body. Hong Zhuang took a good look.

"There's a bite wound by a Ruinshade Wolf. His neck is broken, probably from the wolf's attack. What caused his death, however, was the Giant Horned Rhino's stomps, his organs are all destroyed. From the corpse, it seems to match what the video showed us..." She mumbled to herself as she analyzed his body.

Hong Zhuang was still frowning after she checked Lin Huang's dead body. Although everything matched the video clip, her instincts told her that whatever event had transpired was not as simple as this.

"Have you done a DNA test?" Hong Zhuang asked Scarface.

"A DNA test? No." Scarface shook his head, "I was the one who brought him here and there's video proof as well so there shouldn't be any mistakes?"

"Get someone to run a DNA test now." Lu Xuan was clearly annoyed when she patted Scarface's shoulder.

He called a staff immediately to run a blood test. Minutes later, a lady in doctor attire came in."

"Run a DNA test for the corpse and compare it with Lin Huang's DNA." Hong Zhuang said to the doctor without even looking at Scarface.

"Do it right now!" Scarface shouted.

The doctor then took a sample from Lin Huang's dead body. Five to six minutes later, the result showed that the dead body's DNA matched Lin Huang's DNA. "It's the same person."

Scarface and Lu Xuan then looked at Hong Zhuang in disbelief, "How could this happen..."

"You can leave now." Scarface lowered his voice as he spoke.

"Master Hong Zhuang, Lin Huang had great potential but since he was fated to die, there was nothing that he could do to escape." Lu Xuan spoke.

"He had the opportunity to summon his monster. He wouldn't die if he summoned the vampire. Why didn't he?" Hong Zhuang shook her head. She still thought that there was a missing piece somewhere in this puzzle.

"Under normal circumstance, the first thing people do when they're attacked is either to avoid or to attack back. He probably didn't see that coming. He probably reacted based on instinct. With his limited battle experience, he wouldn't have thought of what we would have done instead." Lu Xuan explained.

"Perhaps after he attacked the Ruinshade Wolf, he wanted to summon the vampire to protect him but the Giant Horned Rhino was too fast. That was why he did not have the time to summon the vampire." Scarface speculated.

Hong Zhuang opened up after they both spoke their minds, "That's true, I cannot expect a 15-year-old kid to have the same experience that I do... I overestimated him... Too bad, he had such great potential. Such a waste for the vampire that went through two mutations too..."

Summons for an Imperial Censor existed in a separate dimension when they're not summoned. When an Imperial Censor dies, the separate dimension would collapse and all their summons would die. If the monster was summoned, it would be freed as a wild monster upon the Imperial Censor's death. That was the reason why Hong Zhuang thought it was such a waste; she had her eyes on the vampire since they first met.

"Master Hong Zhuang, would you like to bring his corpse with you or ..." Scarface asked.

"He's dead now, why would I want his corpse?" Hong Zhuang glared deadly at Scarface and Lu Xuan, "All I asked was that the both of you to look after this kid for three months, was that too much to ask? Now that he's dead, how dare you ask me whether I intend on bringing him along with me?!"

"Master Hong Zhuang, it's our fault that this happened. We did

not complete the mission that you requested. It's your right to punish us." Lu Xuan and Scarface had planned to apologize to Hong Zhuang.

"Stop that, don't you think I have no idea what the both of you are up to." Hong Zhuang was cold as she replied in anger, "It's impossible that I would let this incident go just like that!"

"However, there is a way you two can redeem yourselves." Hong Zhuang said as she licked her lips.

"We'll do our best!" Although the both of them knew that Hong Zhuang's request would not be easy, they did not want to owe this lady anything.

"Find an Imperial Censor who owns a monster that has mutated twice within a year; the person cannot be above 18-years-old and if you do manage to find one, I'll pretend this incident never happened. However, if you fail again, you know very well that I hold grudges." Hong Zhuang grinned.

The both of them were in trouble. There were very few Imperial Censors in the first place and it was almost impossible to find an Imperial Censor who owns a monster that mutated twice and was below 18 years of age. Both of them had lived for 100 years and they have only encountered a person like Lin Huang this one time. To top it off, the mission had to be completed within a year. It was mission impossible.

However, they did not reject her request but nodded in

agreement, "We'll try our best to complete the mission!"

After sending Hong Zhuang off, the both of them looked at each other.

"What should we do? Where can we find an Imperial Censor who is like Lin Huang within a year?" Scarface looked helplessly at Lu Xuan.

"What's the rush, at least we have a buffer period of one year. She'll leave us alone for now."

"What can one year do? Do you think you can be upgraded to an elite member within a year or do you plan to hide somewhere?" Scarface said sarcastically to Lu Xuan.

"If I could become an elite member, I wouldn't be scared of her. Don't even think about escape. The consequences would be far worse if she found me." Lu Xuan shook his head.

"At least we get to think of a way within the one year. If you have someone good here, you can send him over to her. Maybe she won't be mad anymore but it does not necessarily have to be someone like Lin Huang.

"That's true, maybe I should loosen the recruitment criteria for the training camp." Scarface nodded.

Lu Xuan left soon after that. Scarface then looked at Lin Huang's

body on his table. He walked towards him and stared at his dead body, "Lin Huang oh Lin Huang, please rest in peace. According to the law, we usually tossed corpses down the cliff to feed the monsters. It would be a shame if I treat you like everybody else. Since we know each other, I shall listen to what your roommate asked of me, which is to burn you into ashes so that nobody would see you like this."

Scarface heard what Lin Huang said to Xiao Mo the other night. After spending some time to cremate Lin Huang's dead body, he placed his Emperor's Heart Ring and equipment rings into the urn. He then delivered the urn to the address in Wulin Town. Later, he spread the news of Lin Huang's death. Everyone in the training camp was shocked by the news...



## Chapter 142: Accidental Encounter

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The conversation between Hong Zhuang, Scarface, and Lu Xuan, what Scarface did to his dead body, Lin Huang heard and saw everything. He did not expect Scarface to be so kind to cremate Lin Huang's dead body like what Xiao Mo asked. He even sent his ashes back to his home in Wulin Town.

However, Lin Huang sensed danger because the Purple Crow now had his personal details. Although the Purple Crow had announced his death, there were still records of his personal details. He could still be discovered.

In the training camp, most of the people were happy when they heard about Lin Huang's death. Lin Huang was too powerful and because of that, he took most of the attention and enjoyed the limelight. Most of the people who feared him actually despised him. Lin Huang's ability made them look mediocre. However, there were people who thought it was a shame too. Li Li had always treated Lin Huang a source of motivation. Although he was much older than Lin Huang, he thought that as long as he could catch up to Lin Huang, he would be stronger.

The saddest person had to be Xiao Mo, he had been staring into space in his room. Lin Huang was the only person who helped him in the training camp, he even saved his life. Xiao Mo had always been grateful to Lin Huang, he wanted to return the favor when he got out of the camp. However, he could not do that anymore now that Lin Huang is gone.

Without Lin Huang as his support, many people who were

jealous of Xiao Mo created trouble for him. Many bullies crowded outside of Room 1121.

"Xiao Mo, you were having the best time of your time a few days back. Lin Huang is dead, why do you look like your father just died?"

"I heard Lin Huang gave you some of his points. I suggest you give us the points so that we leave you alone!"

"Xiao Mo, you should accept our challenge, don't force us to start a deathmatch with you!"

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"What are you guys doing!" Li Li knew Xiao Mo would have a difficult time since Lin Huang left so he dropped by to visit him. He did not expect to see that. The bullies left once they saw Li Li.

"Are you alright?" Li Li walked to Xiao Mo and asked.

"I'm okay." Xiao Mo shook his head and looked at Li Li, "Is Lin Huang really dead?" He still could not believe Lin Huang was gone forever.

"Thank you for helping me earlier." Xiao Mo held his head down again as he caressed the bronze-level equipment ring on his left middle finger. Lin Huang gave him a sword equipment ring last night.

"How about you stay with me?" Li Li suggested.

Xiao Mo looked at him and forced a smile but shook his head, "Thank you, that won't be necessary."

"How about... I move in with you." Li Li countered.

"That's not it." Xiao Mo shook his head and smiled, "I've promised Boss Lin Huang that I would be stronger once he leaves. Although he's no longer living, I still have to keep my promise."

Li Li nodded, patted Xiao Mo's shoulder and left.

Lin Huang had been wandering around the training camp the entire day, he saw everything. He was touched. Although Purple Crow was an evil organization, not all of the people here were evil. At least Scarface, Li Li, and Xiao Mo were good-hearted.

Since the mission time limit was almost over, Lin Huang dove underground and left the camp in his Specter form.

"Congratulations, you have completed the chain missions. You've been awarded Advance Card x2"

Just when Lin Huang was almost out of the training camp's coverage, Xiao Hei sent him a notification.

"I'm finally free!" Lin Huang stretched his back.

After leaving the camp hundreds of kilometers behind him, Lin Huang checked out his coordinates on his Emperor's Heart Ring. He realized that he was located in the far west of Division 7, it was far away from Baqi City and Wulin Town.

"How should I go back now, I shall get to a foothold as a human." Lin Huang left his Specter form and transformed back into a human. He then altered his features, height and changed his clothes, wearing a cloak behind him. He then set his destination, heading to a C-grade mid-sized foothold and summoned the Alexandrian Eagle.

It was already nighttime when he arrived at foothold No. 7C357. After he entered the city, he was thinking of his accommodation as he would have to scan his identity if he was to stay in a hotel. He registered with the Purple Crow before so it might notify the Purple Crow, he did not want to reveal himself like that.

"Seems like it's time to fake an identity or else there would be many restrictions." Lin Huang frowned.

After strolling around in the area, Lin Huang noticed that the foothold was one that was under the Purple Crow's jurisdiction. This was not the only foothold as there were more than 10 footholds that the Purple Crow controlled. There was a Hunter Association here but there must be people who were connected to the Purple Crow. With his grayish-black cloak, Lin Huang walked into the Hunter Association, he took out a Life Crystal when he got to the reception.

"I need a fake identity." Lin Huang spoke in a deep voice.

"Sure, please follow me." The receptionist was a short, middle-aged man who was quite friendly after receiving the Life Crystal. Lin Huang was brought to a cellar which was connected to the bar next door. It was crowded with many drunken men and women.

The short, middle-aged man brought Lin Huang into a room. There was a skinny man who looked like he was in his 20s kissing a blonde lady on the couch.

"You got a customer!" The short middle-aged man shouted.

The man glared at the short, middle-aged man and Lin Huang while he put on his pants. He then lifted the lady's chin, "Hey baby, I have some business to deal with. I'll get back to you."

The lady was half naked on the couch, and even though Lin Huang was in the room, she did not cover herself at all. She winked at the man and said, "Don't take too long."

"Don't worry, it'll be quick." The man spanked the lady's naked butt.

After he put on his clothes, the skinny man walked towards the short middle-aged man, "What does he want?"

"He needs a black card." The short middle-aged man said, "Deal with him, I need to make a move."

The short, middle-aged man then left.

"What kind do you need?" The skinny man looked at Lin Huang.

"What are the choices?" Lin Huang asked.

"The cheapest one will only get you into a hotel. The slightly more expensive ones can get you a ride in the Demonic Crystal Spaceship. The ones which are even more expensive can get through the Hunter Association and Union Government; you can even use it to get a hunter's license. The most expensive kind can turn you into royalty with all the perks that come along with it. As long as you can afford them, I can get anything for you."

The skinny man laughed, "I'm using the identity of the member of a royal family, it got me many perks."

"I want the one that can get me a hunter's license." Lin Huang decided after hearing all the available options, "You're sure you can do it?"

"Don't worry, some of the Purple Crow elite members even got their fake identities made here." The obnoxious face the skinny man had made him look like he was not lying.

"How much would it cost?" Lin Huang nodded in agreement.

"100 pieces of Life Crystals. I accept Life Crystals only, not Life Crystals pieces, not credit points either. Also, no negotiation." The skinny man revealed his price.

100 pieces of Life Crystals were equivalent to 10,000 years of Life Crystal pieces and 10 billion credit points. The price was sky-high.

"Sure." Lin Huang said without hesitating. "However, I have a question."

"Do tell." The skinny man was stunned at how easily Lin Huang agreed to the price.

"If a fake identity that allows me to pass through the Union Government cost me 100 Life Crystals, then how much would the identity of a member of a royal family cost?" Lin Huang asked.

"It depends on which level of royalty you're talking about. No matter which level, it would cost at least a complete transcendent monster's carcass." The skinny man laughed.

Lin Huang was quiet.

"Please take off your cloak. Stand here, I will take a picture of you." The skinny man laid down a white cloth and waved to Lin Huang.

Lin Huang took off his cloak and revealed his 25-year-old face. It was his face when he was on earth. The blonde lady on the couch saw Lin Huang and winked at him, "Handsome, join our fun later?"

Lin Huang looked at the skinny man in shock.

"I'm open-minded, if you're willing to, I don't mind." The skinny man shrugged his shoulders.

After the photoshoot was done, the skinny man took awhile before getting to Lin Huang.

"Create a name for yourself, I will get the machine to generate the other details for you. Only you can see your personal details, I won't be able to see it. That will protect your privacy."

"Ye Xiu." Lin Huang gave the name. It was the MC's name in a web novel that he read once. He loved the novel very much which was why he could remember the name.

"Ye Xiu, that's a good name." The skinny man laughed. After the name was inserted, the details were registered.

Within three minutes, a new Emperor's Heart Ring was sent to the skinny man via a device.

"It's done, take a look." The skinny man passed the ring to Lin Huang.



Lin Huang then put on the ring on his left middle finger. After the identity scan was done, Lin Huang took a look at his new identity. He then placed 100 pieces of Life Crystals on the table.

"Thanks." Just when he was putting on his cloak, Lin Huang saw a ball under a bench nearby. He was stunned, he used his foot to get the ball out, it looked like a football.

"What is this?" Lin Huang could not help but ask.

"This is called football in my hometown, it's considered a toy. I made this myself in memory of my hometown." The skinny man was not surprised at Lin Huang's question.

Lin Huang could almost tell who the skinny man really was but he suppressed his excitement and said, "Give me your contact details if I need you again in the future."

"Sure!" The skinny man agreed immediately.

# Chapter 143: Daxi City

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Lin Huang smirked as walked out of the bar where the skinny man was.

"Yang Ling..." Of course, he knew it was a fake name. Lin Huang traded one billion credit points to his new account with 10 Life Crystals. After getting to know the landing point of the Demonic Crystal Spaceship, Lin Huang then left the plaza where the spaceship was.

He arrived at the plaza around 10 at night. He looked around the hotels nearby and found one with a vacant room. He checked himself in immediately. The new Emperor's Heart Ring was successfully used, there was no issue in Lin Huang's hotel check-in at all. As he had no idea how to return to Baqi City yet, he booked two nights at the hotel.

After entering the hotel room, Lin Huang started to move the things that he used most frequently from the old Emperor's Heart Ring to the new one as well as the storage ring that was given by Leng Yuexin. He also copied his contacts into the new ring and kept the old ring. He did not plan to use the hundreds of billions of credit points in his old ring as he was not sure if that would notify the Purple Crow of his whereabouts. He wanted to be careful. It was 1 a.m. when he was done with his stuff, he then went to bed in exhaustion.

He woke up after eight the next morning. After breakfast, he returned to his room and started to look at the route back to Baqi City. Foothold No.7C357 was called Daxi City by the locals, it was

at the far west of Division7. Meanwhile, Baqi City was located in the middle of Division7 facing the south. To be able to get to Baqi City from Daxi City, he would have to cross half of Division7.

"So far away..." Lin Huang let out a sigh. As the distance was too far away, the network showed no Demonic Crystal Spaceships that departed from Daxi City to Baqi City. If he were to ride on the spaceship, he would have to change stations twice. The first journey would take more than four months while the second and third would take more than three months each. The entire journey would take at least 11 months.

"I can't be doing that. By the time I get back, Lin Xin would have already graduated from school." Lin Huang gave up the plan to ride on the spaceship. After browsing the network for a long time, he finally found a workable route. He would get to foothold No.7A28, a huge foothold which was the closest to&nbsp;foothold No.7C357. From there, he could get to No.7A12, a foothold that was closest to Baqi City through the long-distance intra-dimensional&nbsp;portal. Then from No.7A12, he could get back to Baqi City through the long-distance intra-dimensional portal.

It did not matter if the distance was long or short, both could be completed within seconds. The only issue was whether he would be able to use the intra-dimensional portal as one would need to book it one month prior to the travel date.

For the long-distance intra-dimensional portal from a C-grade, small-sized foothold to an A-grade, large foothold, it would require him to pre-book his travels anytime from 10 days to half a month prior to the travel date. He then took a look at the long-distance

intra-dimensional portal from Daxi City to foothold No.7A28 and the earliest date he could travel was 12 days later and the earliest date he could book the super-long-distance intra-dimensional portal was 33 days later.

Lin Huang raised an eyebrow when he saw the price of the tickets. He knew that dimensional portals within C-grade footholds would require at least 10,000 credit points but the price for long-distance intra-dimensional portals was 10 times the price compared to the regular tickets for dimensional portals; costing 680,000 credit points. The tickets for the use of the super-long-distance intra-dimensional portal was even more ridiculous as it was tens of thousands times more than the price of a regular ticket.

From foothold No.7A28 to foothold No.7A12, it would cost him 1.6 billion credit points.

Lin Huang did not book the ticket because he did not have sufficient credit points in his new Emperor's Heart Ring. Feeling helpless, Lin Huang went to the credit bureau and traded 100 Life Crystals for 10 billion credit points. He then headed back to the hotel. He spent 1.6 billion credit points to book all three tickets from Daxi City to foothold No.7A28, from foothold No.7A28 to foothold No.7A12 before the final trip to Baqi City. He finally had a concrete plan.

"I will have to stay 12 days in Daxi City, 21 days in foothold No.7A28 and one to two days in foothold No.7A12 before I arrive in Baqi City." Lin Huang looked at the route and thought that was the fastest he could get back to Baqi City but it would still take him more than a month.

Daxi City was under Purple Crow's jurisdiction, it was an open city with a very flavorful nightlife scene. However, that had nothing to do with Lin Huang. The more powerful the human and monsters he encountered in this world, the more stressed he was. He had always felt like he was too weak in this world, where even the slightest thing could kill him. He did not want to risk his life at all.

"There's a level-2 wild zone nearby, I'll train my Wildfire Sword skill over there. Although I might not be able to accumulate the complete sword skill in 12 days, that's sufficient for me to accumulate quite a few card pieces." Lin Huang soon made arrangements for what he was going to do for the next 12 days. The level-2 wild zone was less than 20 kilometers to the west of Daxi City. After lunch, Lin Huang headed to the wild zone riding on the Viridian Wolf.

After arriving deep in the wild zone and into the area of bronze-level monsters, Lin Huang recalled his Viridian Wolf and started to train his Wildfire Sword skill and whenever monsters saw him, they would plunge towards him but Lin Huang would end them. Within an hour, there were monster carcasses everywhere.

However, he did not stop training until it was 10 at night. He collected all the monster carcasses and returned to the city. For the following week, Lin Huang left the city early in the morning and returned late at night to train in his sword skill. He had accumulated more than 400 card pieces but he had yet to combine them into a complete skill card. Whenever Lin Huang asked Xiao Hei, Xiao Hei would tell him that the card pieces were insufficient.

Although he had yet to obtain the skill, Lin Huang was familiar with the skill now. It was almost as powerful as Thunder Sword . Since the card pieces were not enough, Lin Huang would have to accumulate the card pieces one by one. He had been killing monsters for a few days and by accumulating card pieces in the training tower, he now had seven monster card pieces that could be combined into complete cards. However, he chose not to combine them. The seven monsters were nothing out of the ordinary and he would rather redeem some other Monster Card or FunctionCard that could be of more use in the future. If he was to combine them into a complete card, there would be 10% damage to the card pieces.

On the eighth day, the sky was dark as Lin Huang left the hotel room. It looked like it was going to drizzle. However, he decided to head to the wild zone anyway and return when it rained. The weather remained the same until noon; rain had yet to pour. Lin Huang found a tree and planned to rest atop the tree. Just as he was eating his snack, he heard something strange from above him. He looked up at the sky and exclaimed, "What the f\*ck?!"

# Chapter 144: Virtual Eye

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A strange noise came from the sky as a black sigil appeared in the air. The sigil looked like there was a black, ferocious scar that caused a crack in the sky. It extended both ways and stopped when it was more than 10 meters long. After it had stopped growing horizontally, it began to grow downwards and soon, a gigantic black eye opened. It looked like it was God's eye looking down on the world.

"A Virtual Eye has opened..."

Although Lin Huang had never seen an actual Virtual Eye before, he knew immediately that it was a Virtual Eye when he witnessed it firsthand. The first ever Virtual Eye was opened 800 years ago and ever since then, it became something frequent that happened almost everyday almost everywhere. It could happen outside the safety zone, within the safety zone, places that are less populated or even those that are more densely populated.

This time, it happened less than 20 kilometers from Daxi City, it was considered a dangerous distance as it would take 10 minutes for the monsters that traveled on land to arrive in the city. There would be a bigger problem if there were many flying monsters. However, when the Virtual Eye appeared, the siren in the city went off and defensive shields of footholds went up. Lin Huang would not know about all these as he was outside the foothold.

Now that the Virtual Eye was opened, he did not have the time to run away. He used a Specific Transformation Card instead and hid in the tree in his specter form. Many monsters were coming out of

the Virtual Eye on invisible parachutes. Lin Huang's jaw dropped as he watched helplessly. It almost looked like monsters were raining out of the sky.

"There are so many silver-level and gold-level monsters..." Lin Huang frowned, "At least the monster horde mostly consisted of nightmare-level and even disaster-level monsters... Hopefully, there won't be many transcendent monsters.."

The monster horde grade was categorized into violent-grade, nightmare-grade, and disaster-grade...

The violent-grade monsters were mostly made up of iron-level and bronze-level monsters with a minimum of silver-level monsters. Most of the transcendent monsters would not be involved in a violent-grade horde. On the other hand, nightmare-grade hordes would see more silver-level and gold-level monsters with some of the transcendent monsters participating. As for disaster-grade, most of the horde would be made up of gold-level monsters and there would be at least one transcendent monster.

From the amount of gold-level monsters, Lin Huang could tell that it was a disaster-grade monster horde. The only thing that he was not sure was how many transcendent monsters there would be.

"Please don't do this to me, I'm only four days away from leaving this place through the dimensional portal." Lin Huang was upset.

A disaster-grade monster horde would be difficult even for a B-



grade, huge foothold. It was impossible for Daxi City which was a C-grade, mid-sized foothold to handle such a monster horde. Lin Huang could predict that the entire Daxi City would be completely destroyed in less than a day.

There would usually be one transcendent guarding the city in a C-grade foothold but there would be at least three transcendent monsters when it came to a disaster-grade monster horde. There were not many gold-level hunters residing in a C-grade foothold. The number of Gold Hunters were much lesser than the gold-level monsters that were descending from the sky. It was a sure-lose battle.

As soon as the city was attacked by monsters, the dimensional portal would remain closed and Lin Huang would not be able to leave the foothold like he planned to. He could use a Small Destruction Card to wipe out all monsters below transcendent-level but that would not stop the transcendent monsters from destroying the city. The fate of the city would remain the same but his fate would change; he would be targeted by transcendent monsters.

There was nothing he could do to help. It was chaotic in Daxi City. Ever since the warning for the Virtual Eye was broadcasted, everyone rushed home to seek refuge. Ordinary people could not join the battle with monsters and they were fearful of the monster horde. It was unfortunate because as soon as a person was diagnosed with a fear of monsters, they would be forced to go for a psychotherapy session to overcome their fears afterward.

Staff from the Purple Crow did their best to calm the situation

down and within minutes, the streets were empty. Most of the Purple Crow staff headed to the west of the foothold while a small part of them guarded the east gate. Fortunately, there were only two gates in the foothold so the hunters could gather and focus on these two gates instead of being scattered everywhere.

Xie Yu was the guardian of Daxi City, he was an old man with white hair. He chose a secluded location because he wanted to enjoy his life in peace. He never expected for such things to happen within two years from the time he took up this position. With his vision, he could see the monsters coming out of the Virtual Eye clearly. He knew very well that it was a disaster-grade horde. It was impossible for him to fight the transcendent monsters on his own.

"Should I fight or should I run?" Xie Yu hesitated and finally made his decision.

"Gah, since I am only left with few years of Life Light, I'd rather die here with dignity instead of dying shame in a couple of years to come."

After he made up his mind, he flew towards the sky and headed to the west gate.

Two men and a lady were enjoying their drinks at a restaurant without a roof.

"The guardian from the Purple Crow has headed out. I have always thought that members of the Purple Crow would run away

to save themselves in such situations." It was the lady who spoke.

Her hair was red with two braids and she wore a short denim skirt that revealed her legs. From the length of her legs, anyone could tell that she was tall. It was just that she happened to be sitting down so nobody could tell exactly how tall she was.

"Purple Crow has their own law. If he ran away like that, I don't think they'll just let him go like that." The man in sunglasses said. He wore a chinese suit with neatly combed hair.

"Boss, this is Purple Crow's territory. Don't you think they would handle this?" The lady with red hair said to the middle-aged man on her right.

"Although this is Purple Crow's territory, the people are innocent. If we don't do anything about this disaster-grade horde, millions of people will die because none of them would dare leave." The man in sunglasses disagreed with what the lady said.

"But if we intervene, our identities will be revealed and we'll fail our mission. Liang Song, don't forget what we're here for." The lady with red hair looked at the man in sunglasses.

"If the city gets destroyed, our mission would fail as well. If we're going to fail our mission anyway, we might as well save the people." Liang Song pushed his sunglasses up as he spoke calmly.

"Alright, stop arguing. The safety of the people is our priority."

The middle-aged man who sat at one corner finally spoke. He then looked at the lady with long legs, "Zhou Qian, when you get back, I want you to write down the Hunter Code a hundred times!"

"Boss, please don't be ruthless..."

"200 times!" The middle-aged man stared at her. He had big eyes and thick eyebrows with a four centimeters scar on his lip. His kind face turned ferocious.

"Leader, should we fight now or should we start fighting only when the guardian is dead?" Liang Song asked.

"The transcendent monsters have not arrived yet, let's wait." The middle-aged man waved his hand.

Meanwhile, Xie Yu arrived at the west gate. Before the monsters landed on the ground, he started killing them. A purple sword appeared, he pointed his sword in the air, countless aero blades were formed and sliced towards the monsters. Countless monsters were cut in half by the aero blades, they were like pieces of papers.

Lin Huang was watching from far.

"A sword skill combined with the wind element. The area of attack is amazing!"

Lin Huang was not the only one looking, the three people at the roofless restaurant saw him in action as well.

"The area of attack isn't that bad but the strength of a sword skill such as this is nothing to shout about." Zhou Qian comment negatively.

"If you compare your advantage to someone else's disadvantage, nobody would ever be better than you." Liang Song criticized her, "Why didn't you say that his area of attack is much wider than yours, which is more suitable to handle such a monster attack?"

"Liang Song, why are you finding fault with me?" Zhou Qian stared at him.

"I'm just telling the truth." Liang Song said in all seriousness.

"Alright, shut up the both of you. Before we participate in the battle, nobody talks! Whoever speaks first will have to write down the Hunter Code a hundred times. The second time you speak will get you two hundred times!" Once the middle-aged man said that, the both of them no longer dared to speak a word.

In mid-air, Xie Yu had been killing the monsters on his own for more than an hour. He had no idea how many monsters he had already killed. It was Lin Huang's first time seeing a transcendent fight at such a close distance, he looked like a weapon that would never run out of ammo.

Suddenly, the monsters that were coming out of the Virtual Eye slowed down. Lin Huang could hear a strange roar from within the Virtual Eye. Soon, gigantic claws with scales were seen on the edge

of the Virtual Eye. Lin Huang knew that the transcendent monster was coming...

# Chapter 145: The Transcendent Monster Arrives

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Countless monsters were coming out of the Virtual Eye. Xie Yu killed more than half of them while they were still descending mid-air but there were still many on the ground. Xie Yu did not have the time to care about those that were on the ground. Meanwhile, the Purple Crow staff rushed from the west gate to join the battle.

Since they had a transcendent as their guardian, most of the monsters were taken out by the transcendent alone which was comforting to the people. It was just a matter of time before Daxi City was destroyed by monsters.

Every time a Virtual Eye opened, a transcendent monster would come with it and it would be at least a nightmare-grade monster horde. The Virtual Eye that was opened near Daxi City was definitely brought with it a horde that was a higher leveled than a nightmare-grade horde judging from the amount of gold-level monsters that came with it. A disaster-grade monster horde would have at least three transcendent monsters.

"That looks huge..." The leader Zhu Nian frowned.

The lady with red hair, Zhou Qian pointed at her lips, indicating to the leader that she wanted to speak.

Zhu Nian sighed and nodded, "You may speak."

"From its size, it should be a giant. However, looking at the claws, it seems to be more like a demon or a sky dragon. If it was a sky dragon, it would wipe us all out except for the leader but if it was a demon, the old man would not be able to handle it on his own." Zhou Qian spoke her mind about what she observed.

"Hopefully, it's not a sky dragon. A sky dragon doesn't get along with other monsters. A monster horde of this grade would have at least three of them if it was a sky dragon. By then, aside from our leader, the rest of us must flee." Liang Song said.

Gigantic claws came out of the Virtual Eye in the middle and a loud roar echoed in the air. Aside from Xie Yu, there were many Purple Crow reserve members that were looking into the sky. Based on how its head looked, it appeared to be a dragon but since none of them had ever seen such a monster before, nobody could tell what it really was.

The gigantic dragon climbed down slowly from the Virtual Eye. Its gigantic stature filled everyone's eyes, causing the people immense stress. Even Lin Huang had never seen a creature of this size. Its head alone was almost 1,000 meters long and was filled with thorns. It certainly did not look friendly. It was more than 20,000 meters long with grayish-black scales covering its body. A deadly aura lingered all over its body. Its three gigantic eyes were grayish-white, there were no pupils. From the top of its head all the way to its tail, there were countless white thorns that were hundreds of meters long.

After it got out of the Virtual Eye, it extended its black wing and roared at the city. The entire city was like a toy town to it.



"Is this a sky dragon?" Zhou Qian was uncertain.

"The aura it gives of doesn't feel like that of a sky dragon. It feels more like a spiritual monster." Liang Song shook his head.

"Both of you are wrong. It's an undead monster." The leader Zhu Nian finally spoke. He was frowning, "Undead dragons are more difficult to deal with compared to sky dragons... The worse thing is that there will be more undead transcendent monsters arriving..."

Many hunters would never want to encounter undead monsters because they possess a unique skill to keep themselves alive. Just like the Six-Armed Demon, to kill it, one had to attack its mask to kill it. Attacking any other part of its body would prove futile. As for the Vile Marionette, it had the Robust ability and can only be killed after many repetitive attacks...

Those were the conclusions of the people who had encountered those monsters before. Now, they were faced with a monster nobody had faced before, its skills and powers were a mystery.

"The undead monster is going to cause problems." Zhou Qian frowned.

Xie Yu who was fighting mid-air outside of the west gate of Daxi City frowned as well. Since he was closest to the monster, he could sense that it was slightly more powerful than himself. If it indeed had a unique skill to keep itself alive, Xie Yu could confirm that he would lose in this battle. However, he was determined to fight

anyway. The gigantic dragon took aim at the city but soon, it noticed that there was an obstacle not far away from it.

It locked its eyes on the human that was blocking its way.

"Human, die!"

After a sudden roar, the dragon monster attacked Xie Yu with its gigantic claws. Although it was huge, it was still as fast as lightning. Xie Yu remained focused as he knew he had to fight with every fiber in him this time. He took out his sword and leaped forward, disappearing from where stood earlier.

He then appeared on top of the dragon's head and pointed his sword at the dragon beneath him as he screamed, " Lightning Sword !"

Just then, there were golden tendrils of lightning that sparkled around the purple sword. It then transformed into a golden bolt of lightning heading towards the dragon's eye.

"That was quick!" Zhou Qian, who stood at quite a distance exclaimed.

The dragon did not have the time to escape when the lightning pierced through its eye.

"Did it hit the dragon?" Liang Song was uncertain.

"No, it had some kind of unique ability." Zhu Nian frowned as he shook his head.

Xie Yu, who was in the battle was overjoyed when he saw the attack hit the dragon. However, his smile disappeared once he realized that his attack missed the monster. Just as Xie Yu was about to escape, a gigantic dragon tail slapped him and he fell hard towards the ground far away...

# Chapter 146: Ghastly Clown

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At a roofless restaurant in Daxi City, Zhou Qian was shocked at what she just saw.

"I saw the attack hit it, what happened? How did the monster disappear?"

Zhou Qian and another two men were watching Xie Yu fighting the transcendent monster outside the west gate.

Liang Song was frowning too, he could not figure out what just happened.

"The dragon was not its real body, it was an illusion." Zhu Nian explained.

"Illusion, how could it be?" Zhou Qian could not believe it.

"It was an illusion ever since it appeared, am I right?" Liang Song seemed to notice something.

Zhu Nian nodded, "This is one incredible monster. It casted an illusion that covered such a wide area that even we were deceived."

"No wonder. When the first transcendent monster appeared, it seemed like nothing was happening at the Virtual Eye. It appears that all the transcendent monsters used the illusion as cover to

come out at once." Liang Song finally figured it out.

"They came out when the dragon created the illusion of it coming out of the Virtual Eye." Zhu Nian nodded his head.

Suddenly, the defensive shield on top of the city was continuous attacked. The entire foothold was shaking.

"It's attacking the defensive shield!" Zhu Nian spoke the obvious.

The strength of a C-grade foothold was limited. There were cracks appearing in three different locations because of continuous blows by the transcendent monsters.

Everyone in the city was scared. Many ordinary people were shivering, some were even crying.

"Leader, should we fight now?" Liang Song could not wait anymore.

"Can you see the monsters?" Zhu Nian asked him back.

"No, I can't." Liang Song shook his head.

"So what are you going to fight then?" Zhu Nian asked again.

"But... Once the defensive shields are broken, they would attack

the citizens." Liang Song tried to reason with him.

"It's about being strategic." Zhu Nian shook his head. Liang Song was influenced by the adrenaline rush.

"What's the rush, the old man is still alive." Zhou Qian pointed towards Xie Yu's direction.

The two heard a loud crash and looked in the direction the sound was coming from. Xie Yu was hit and came crashing down to the ground. A white glow emerged and countless white droplets were seen 10 kilometers away. Lin Huang dove underground immediately. Just when he found a hiding place, countless white droplets similar to raindrops shot up the sky. It looked like white raindrops that defied gravity, returning to the sky.

Xie Yu had combined elemental power with his sword skill, Lin Huang watched in admiration. Xie Yu noticed that the dragon was not the actual body of the transcendent monster so he began attacking in a wide area to figure out exactly where the transcendent monsters were.

Under such pressure, the bodies of the transcendent monsters were marked by the white droplets. Although they did not reveal their true selves, it was good enough to locate them.

There were a total of four transcendent monsters. Just as Xie Yu was getting ready to attack, there was a fiery explosion that came from Daxi City. The flame almost shot through one of the transcendent's body and the transcendent monster fell to the

ground as it groaned. Soon, a gigantic carcass appeared on the ground. It was a Spectral Three-Headed Boa that was almost 1,000 meters long. It was the mastermind behind the illusion.

Once the Spectral Three-Headed Boa was dead, the illusion was broken. The three remaining transcendents revealed themselves before everyone. There was a Lava Giant, a Four-Winged Swordfiend and a Ghastly Clown that looked like a human but nobody could make out what monster that was. The sudden death of the Spectral Three-Headed Boa stunned the three transcendent monsters. The transcendent monsters were not the only ones who were shocked; Xie Yu who just got up from the ground was stunned as well. He did not realize that there were other transcendent humans in the city.

At first, he thought they were his partners from the Purple Crow. However, he was surprised when he saw them descending from the air. The three of them were not dressed in the Purple Crow's coat.

"Boss you're brilliant to have recognized that it was a Spectral Three-Headed Boa." Zhou Qian looked at Zhu Nian in admiration.

She finally showed how tall she was when she stood up. Although she was wearing a pair of flats, she was over 1.9 meters in height.

Hearing Zhou Qian groveling, Zhu Nian rubbed his nose, "I... actually had no idea which of them casted the illusion. I just attacked one of them. It was just a coincidence..."

Liang Song and Zhou Qian looked at each other. Zhu Nian

pretended like he did not see their expression as he recalled the golden spear he used to kill the Spectral Three-Headed Boa.

"I didn't expect that there would be three more transcendent humans in this small area that I'm in charge of." Xie Yu knew that the three of them concealed their aura when they entered the city, it was obvious that they did not want him to know about their existence. Now that they revealed themselves to help, they could be from the Hunter Association or Adventurer Paradise.

"Guardian, if you have anything to say, we shall talk about it after we have killed these transcendent monsters and the rest beneath them." Zhu Nian pointed to the direction of the three transcendent monsters. Xie Yu hesitated before he nodded, he did not want Daxi City to be destroyed by the monsters. Since there were people who were willing to help, he should welcome them with open arms.

"Sly humans... How dare they hide four holy fire-level humans in such a small C-grade foothold. However, it will be useless because all of you will die, today! Hehehe..." The Ghastly Clown did not seem to fear them as it laughed eerily.

"Hey ugly! Don't you know how to count? There are four of us here and only three of you there." Zhou Qian shouted at the Ghastly Clown.

"Lady, you have such a pretty face..." Just after it said those words, a mask appeared in the hand of the Ghastly Clown. It then placed the mask on its face and transformed its face to look exactly like Zhou Qian.



"From now on, this face belongs to me..."

Zhou Qian was shocked. Suddenly, she spoke the exact words that were coming out of the Ghastly Clown's mouth, "It was three against four, isn't it four against three now? Hehehe..."

Just as Zhou Qian uttered those words, she attacked Zhu Nian who was standing next to her...

At the same time, the other two transcendent monsters rushed towards Xie Yu and Liang Song.

# Chapter 147: The Scary Clown

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700 years ago, during the new epoch, a transcendent had said this before, "Don't ever underestimate an unknown monster, especially an unknown transcendent monster!"

Without a doubt, what he said came true here, today.

Nobody knew what the Ghastly Clown actually was and the special abilities it possessed.

This caused Zhou Qian, who was one of the transcendent to become its puppet.

Everyone including Zhu Nian had never expected Zhou Qian to fall under the Ghastly Clown's control.

Zhu Nian noticed it because of Zhou Qian's abnormal behavior.

When Zhou Qian was about to strike a heavy blow on Zhu Nian, Zhu Nian lifted his spear and the shaft of his spear blocked the blow.

However, Zhou Qian's attack caused Zhu Nian to retreat about 30 meters away.

"Oh, a little girl that's good in close combat. I love it! Hehehe..." Zhou Qian said something strange.

"Zhou Qian, fight it! Get it out of your body. Don't be controlled by it!" Zhu Nian yelled at Zhou Qian.

"It's useless. As long as I have my mask on, she will not be able to get rid of me. Hehehe..." The Ghastly Clown smiled wryly and said.

Zhu Nian stepped one step forward in the air and pounced on the Ghastly Clown.

The Ghastly Clown immediately transformed its face into Zhou Qian's face and smiled at Zhu Nian without moving.

The next moment, Zhou Qian flashed through the air and appeared in front of Zhu Nian, blocking his way.

Zhu Nian wanted to bypass her but he was hit by her consecutive attacks. He did not want to hurt her so he could only dodge her attacks passively.

On the other hand, Xie Yu and Liang Song were having a tough time too.

The Lava Giant had been attacking Xie Yu non-stop. It seemed like it was not afraid of any kind of attack. When Xie Yu stabbed its his body with a longsword relic, the effect was similar to cutting into an armor relic of a higher rank.

However, the Lava Giant had a terrifying amount of strength. Xie Yu could only defend against its attacks.

On the other hand, Liang Song was in a tangle with the Four-Winged Swordfiend.

The Four-Winged Swordfiend's lightning-fast attacks were scary. The sharpness of six of its forelimbs was on par with a sword relic. It could easily chop off anyone who was not prepared for its attack.

Liang Song could not keep up with its speed at all. He was just trying to avoid the attack as the number of wounds on his body increased.

Lin Huang was nervous, seeing three transcendent totally incapacitated, unable to fight back at all.

On the ground, the Purple Crow staff and other influential members were all involved in the fight with the monster horde.

If this continued, the monsters would probably wipe out Daxi City.

"Eh, settle the woman first! Stop dodging her attacks." Xie Yu saw that Zhu Nian was not giving his all against Zhou Qian so he yelled at him as he could not stand it anymore.

Zhu Nian frowned. He knew that what Xie Yu said was right. If he could not get rid of Zhou Qian, it would turn the battle into a

four versus one when both of them were killed. Regardless of his abilities, it would be difficult to fight back.

"Zhou Qian, please forgive me." Zhu Nian decided not to avoid her attacks anymore.

He pointed his gold spear at Zhou Qian.

Zhou Qian leaped towards Zhu Nian again.

Zhu Nian took one step forward, as if the whole world was within his control. He brushed across Zhou Qian instantly. His spear then pierced through Zhou Qian's chest, coming out from her back.

Zhou Qian's body was limp. Zhu Nian immediately reached out and held her in his arms.

At that moment, Zhou Qian did not care about her wounds and struck a blow to Zhu Nian's chest.

Zhu Nian frowned. He pulled his spear out and chopped off both her arms.

Zhou Qian then gradually regained her consciousness. Looking at Zhu Nian who was holding her, she burst into tears and whispered, "I am sorry..."

"It's okay. It's not your fault." Zhu Nian patted her shoulder and

carried her to the ground. "Get some rest."

"Tsk tsk tsk... You are being so cruel to your female subordinate. Didn't it hurt to hurt her?" He heard the voice of the Ghastly Clown again. Zhou Qian's mask had disappeared and it had returned to its original look.

"I haven't felt anger like this for years. You really are getting on my nerves." Zhu Nian turned back to face the clown and lifted his spear again, pointing at the Ghastly Clown who was floating mid-air.

"Aww, I'm so scared... Hehehe..." A mask appeared in the Ghastly Clown's hand again. "Who should I transform into? Give me some suggestion."

"I would suggest that... you die now." Zhu Nian's spear thrust through the air and his body appeared in front of the Ghastly Clown in an instant. Zhu Nian stabbed the spear that resembled a dragon into its face.

"You're so... Rude..." The Ghastly Clown's body began blurring into the background, making it look like an illusion or a shadow. Even its voice sounded like a featherweight voice.

Zhu Nian was stunned and his face turned grave when he failed to kill the Ghastly Clown.

Soon, a sound was heard coming behind him, "Guess who I've

transformed into?"

Zhu Nian did not turn his head around but threw his spear backward. However, he missed it.

The next moment, a shadow pounced on him suddenly. He made a wrong move and avoided the shadow. He took a look and realized that he was Liang Song, dressed in a Chinese tunic.

"Here is a multiple choice question. Do you prefer a female subordinate or a male subordinate? Hehehehe..." Apparently, it was the Ghastly Clown who said these words.

"Is this the only trick you have up your sleeve? You dare not fight me face to face and only rely on dirty tricks like these." Zhu Nian roared. When he looked around, there were no traces of the Ghastly Clown.

"Hehehehe...You won't get to me in this manner. It only works on human like you with low intelligence. It's not going to work on me. Perhaps... I'll give you a chance to fight me face to face when I'm in a good mood." The next time the Ghastly Clown appeared, it was standing behind Liang Song. It looked exactly the same as Liang Song.

"Since you want to play a game, let's get it on!" Zhu Nian shouted in a deep voice. He dashed forward once again. This time, he was running towards Liang Song.

Bullets rained from the gun in Liang Song's hand. However, none of the fired bullets touched Zhu Nian's body. He then threw his spear and it penetrated Liang Song's chest but just as it penetrated Liang Song's body, the gold spear changed direction and flew towards the back of the Ghastly Clown's head.

Just as he was about to kill the Ghastly Clown, he could vaguely sense an unusual wave coming out its body. He immediately stopped his attack.

"It's such a waste. Three centimeters more and your male subordinate would have burst into pieces." Liang Song was originally standing on the left. Unexpectedly, they had switched positions. The one who was standing there was now the Ghastly Clown. The position where the Ghastly Clown initially stood at had was now where Liang Song was.

Zhu Nian broke into a cold sweat because he almost smashed Liang Song's head into pieces.

"Hehehehe... I've already said this earlier. Play by my rules and such things won't happen. Of course, if you enjoy the excitement, I don't mind playing this game with you." The Ghastly Clown seemed to have full control over the battle.

When Zhu Nian was staring at the Ghastly Clown with fear, the results of the battle his comrades were fighting became clear.

Being attacked by the Lava Giant and the Four-Winged Swordfiend, Xie Yu was unable to defend himself. His defensive



relic was broken.

His brain was sliced in half by the Four-Winged Swordfiend while his body was crushed into minced meat. The Four-Winged Swordfiend then threw his crushed body into its mouth.

Liang Song had basically lost his combat abilities and Zhu Nian faced an undesirable situation he did not expect. What was initially a four versus three battle had become a one versus three battle...

## Chapter 148: Zhu Nian Has Gone Insane

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The transcendent monsters had usually experienced once mutation and after a brain transformation, their intelligence was beyond human intelligence.

Of course, there were some exceptions. Very few of the transcendent monsters had never experienced mutation and these monsters would normally possess incredible combat abilities.

There were also some of them that had gone through two or even three mutations. These monsters were even scarier. Aside from having abilities that were on par with human geniuses, they could also evolve to possess a higher degree of intelligence.

During the fight, Zhu Nian could confirm that the Ghastly Clown was a monster that had gone through at least two mutations. In the beginning, it already had full control over the battle, causing everyone to follow it.

Zhu Nian was facing an undesirable situation. Not only that it one versus three, the opponent had Liang Song as a hostage.

"Tell me what your rules are." Zhu Nian observed the situation and calmed himself down. He knew he was at the losing end and had to find a way to be at an advantage.

"Hehehehe... A holy fire-level, it is difficult to find food tastier than you. I'll give you a chance. If you can win both of the transcendent monsters, I'll give you an opportunity to fight me in

person but if you lose to them, not only will I kill both your teammates but everyone in this C-grade foothold as well." The voice of the Ghastly Clown filled the air. Everyone could clearly hear it including all of the residents of the foothold.

Many of them stole glances at Zhu Nian. They prayed that he could reverse the situation.

Zhu Nian looked serious and nodded his head, "Okay, I accept."

"Hehehehe... Very good! Let the game begins!" The Ghastly Clown announced happily in the mid-air.

At almost the same time as he finished his words, the Lava Giant and Four-Winged Swordfiend ran towards Zhu Nian.

The speed of the Four-Winged Swordfiend was extremely fast. In just a blink of an eye, it appeared in front of Zhu Nian.

Six forelimbs were coming towards Zhu Nian at a terrifying speed and they were in the form of sharp blades. It resembled six swordmasters attacking him with a sword relic. Six beams of black light appeared and moved extremely fast causing the air to crackle and crack.

Zhu Nian remained calm. He then lifted his hand with as little movement as he could and the gold spear in his hand had transformed into a thunderbolt that fought against the beams of light.

Only the sound of colliding metal could be heard.

"Go away!"

With a loud growl, the gold thunderbolt suddenly transformed into a shadow of a whip-like weapon, hitting the stomach and waist of the Four-Winged Swordfiend. Its body was blown away as the attacks struck and cracks appeared all over its hard armor.

The next moment, the Lava Giant was about to strike a heavy blow to Zhu Nian's body from the left. The blow was accompanied by an immense power and a terribly high temperature.

Zhu Nian who was hanging in mid-air immediately reclaimed his spear. He had no means of retreating and he had to defend against the heavy blow.

The spear had transformed into a golden lightning dragon that slammed into the Lava Giant.

"Bang!"

A loud thud was heard which sounded very much like an explosion. The ground began to vigorously shake.

Zhu Nian looked smaller in size compared to the Lava Giant; he was like an ant. However, his ant-like body remained stationary.

He was firmly rooted in mid-air, at the position where he was standing.

After a short while, something shocking happened.

Spider webs-like cracks began to appear on the Lava Giant's right arm where the spear hit it.

The Lava Giant that was always proud of its strength and defensive power began to roar in anger.

Red flames gushed out from its eyes and mouth. The red lava began to flow from his body and seemed like a tattoo that ran through his body that eventually covered its entire body.

Zhu Nian knew that the Lava Giant had gone on a rampage. Its rampage had multiplied the strength, speed, and defensive power of the Lava Giant.

"Roar!"

After a thunderous, angry roar, the Lava Giant took another blow at Zhu Nian again.

"It is useless to go on a rampage. There is a big gap between our combat abilities." Zhu Nian said calmly. He was not afraid of the Lava Giant at all.

He then took out his spear again. However, he did not attack it like he did earlier. Soon, the Lava Giant's attack hit his spear but no sound was heard.

It was just a simple attack and the Lava Giant's arm collided with his spear. However, the body of the Lava Giant became stiff and its arm became distorted; changing shape as it hit the spear.

Within a short while, its distorted arm had reached its peak and the arm began to collapse.

It was silence. No sound was heard and the Lava Giant's right arm broke into a pile of crushed rock.

The Lava Giant roared in a fit of rage. Just as it was about to attack again with its left arm, the spear in Zhu Nian's hand transformed into a gold whip abruptly and was being thrown towards its left arm.

Within the next few moments, Zhu Nian chopped off the Lava Giant's left arm causing it to quickly flee.

At that moment, Zhu Nian grabbed his spear and holding onto the shaft of the spear, he took aim at the Lava Giant's forehead and the golden spear shot like an arrow towards the Lava Giant.

Just as the Lava Giant was about to dodge the attack with its broken arm, the spear became faster mid-air all of a sudden. It resembled a gold thunderbolt that embedded a hole right through

its blazing left eye and the back of its head.

The Lava Giant growled from the excruciating pain it suffered. The lava and flames in its body slowly went out. Eventually, it had completely turned into a pile of rocks scattered all over the ground.

Then, the Four-Winged Swordfiend quietly appeared behind Zhu Nian.

Six beams of light from the six blades shone on Zhu Nian's six vital parts. The beams of light were about to cut through Zhu Nian's body.

However, at the very next moment, a golden spear penetrated through the Four-Winged Swordfiend's head from the top and half of the spear appeared from its lower jaw.

"I've been waiting for you..."

Zhu Nian smiled wryly and twisted the spear. An immense power was released from the spear and the head of the Four-Winged Swordfiend exploded in an instant. Blood splattered all around.

Then, the remaining light beam that shone on Zhu Nian's body instantly became dim.

After killing two transcendent monsters, Zhu Nian kept his spear away and looked at the Ghastly Clown, "I think it's time you

fulfilled your promise?"



# Chapter 149: Defeated by Just One Skill

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"Clap clap clap..."

The Ghastly Clown clapped and a wry smile was plastered on its face.

"Hehehehe... well done. You did not disappoint me. I'll give you this little brat back."

As soon as the Ghastly Clown finished speaking, Liang Song's mask automatically disappeared, revealing the Ghastly Clown's face.

Liang Song became limp and fainted.

Zhu Nian rushed to him, held his arms and gave him a tube of medicine. He then left him at the entrance of the city.

He gradually floated into the sky as he looking at the Ghastly Clown.

"Why do you look so serious? Are you worried that I'll use my control skill to take over your body?" The Ghastly Clown laughed, his big red mouth widening when Zhu Nian did not fight back.

It had a white mask on with red lips and black eyes. It looked like an overly exaggerated creature. Especially its red lips that occupied

half of its face, terrorizing everyone when it smiled.

"Don't worry. I won't use that skill on you." The Ghastly Clown waved its hand.

"For some reason, I don't think you can anyway!" Zhu Nian was slightly relieved as he heard this. "Have you ever played Shogi? Once the general is caught, the entire game ends regardless of what pieces you have remaining. You're now the general. If you are controlled, the game would be too boring."

"Moreover, you have proven yourself to bring me more joy. That was why I gave you a chance to challenge me."

The Ghastly Clown had absolute confidence in itself and everyone seemed like pieces on a chessboard to it.

"Are you sure? Aren't you afraid that the joy that I'm bringing you can cause you death?" Zhu Nian's aura grew stronger.

"Let's see if you're capable of doing so! Hehehehe..."

"Our leader seems to be getting serious..." Liang Song had regained his consciousness. He turned his head and looked at Zhou Qian.

Zhou Qian nodded her head and smiled a little, "When he gets serious, something bad is going to happen to someone."

"Yes, his combat ability is about to achieve immortal-level. No ordinary commander-level monster can handle that." Liang Song agreed with Zhou Qian.

Lin Huang was hiding underground and even he could feel Zhu Nian's aura. The powerful aura he gave off was beyond what all the transcendent monsters Lin Huang had ever met could ever give off. It seemed like he had taken it to another level.

"How could a transcendent be so powerful? He can trigger astronomical change solely with his aura..." Lin Huang noticed that under Zhu Nian's aura, the haze that the Virtual Eye caused had disappeared. Even the sun appeared.

Zhu Nian was hanging mid-air with a golden spear in his hand. Soon, his aura had reached its peak and at that moment, he disappeared abruptly from the ground.

Many of the transcendent-level and gold-level hunters witnessed that amazing scene. Even Liang Song and Zhou Qian who were holy fire-level could not get a hold of Zhu Nian's movement.

"It seems like we have to train harder and be stronger. It doesn't feel good to be a hindrance." Liang Song sighed and nodded his head.

After Zhu Nian's disappearance from mid-air, a beam of golden light suddenly came towards the Ghastly Clown. The golden light appeared suddenly at a terribly fast speed.

Nevertheless, the Ghastly Clown was not showing any signs of nervousness and in fact, it was smiling. It moved its body slightly to dodge the oncoming golden light.

Zhu Nian did not stop attacking. As soon as the first beam of golden light disappeared, the second beam of golden light attacked it from another direction. Similarly, it appeared without notice and reaching its maximum speed... Close behind the second beam was the third beam of golden light, the fourth beam, the fifth beam...

About 3000 beams of golden light shot towards the Ghastly Clown but missed. It was unbelievable. Not a single beam of light hit him. Lin Huang and the rest of them had no idea what skill Zhu Nian used.

"How it could be..." Zhou Qian had an unbelievable expression on her face.

"Did he just dodge our leader's 3000 Strands of Worry?!" Liang Song was frightened.

Zhu Nian was hanging in mid-air but disappeared for quite a while. He then suddenly appeared, his face red as he looked at the Ghastly Clown, "You have been fooling us all the while. You are actually a chief-level monster and yet you pretend to be a commander-level monster."

"I never said that I'm commander-level, you assumed I was." The

Ghastly Clown spread his hands.

The combat ability of a commander-level monster was comparable to that of a human holy fire transcendent. The Lava Giant and the Four-Winged Swordfiend that Zhu Nian killed earlier were both commander-level.

The Ghastly Clown was a chief-level monster. Its combat ability was on par with that of a human immortal-level transcendent.

The monster world had a strict hierarchy.

A chief-level monster could cause severe damage. If it had sufficient time, it could gather at least 10 commander-level monsters and ten of millions of monster in a horde, triggering a destruction-grade monster horde. The effect by such a monster horde was beyond what a disaster-grade monster horde could do. Destroying the Grade-B big-sized foothold would be a breeze.

The combat ability of the chief-level monster alone would be powerful enough. In the Hunter Association, only the immortal-level transcendent hunters are able to fight against such monsters.

Zhu Nian had never expected to meet such a powerful opponent.

"Just because I am chief-level you're going to retreat?" The Ghastly Clown laughed at Zhu Nian's expression. "If you're going to escape, I won't stop you. However, your subordinates and everyone in this city will become my food. I think it'll take me less

than five minutes to devour everyone here."

Everyone who was watching the battle heard this.

Although many of them could not understand the true extent of a chief-level monster's power, they knew that Zhu Nian was incapable of defeating the Ghastly Clown.

"A chief-level monster..." Liang Song's and Zhou Qian's facial expression had changed.

Of course, they fully understood what a chief-level monster could do.

"A chief-level monster? It seems like its stronger than the uncle..." Lin Huang was not sure how the combat ability of a chief-level monster would be like. However, he knew that Zhu Nian was very powerful. He was stronger than most of the transcendents that he had met. "I wonder if I can use the Seal Card on him..."

When Lin Huang was still hesitating, Zhu Nian had already made up his mind.

"I am a member of the Hunter Association. Regardless of the type of monster and number of monsters that I encounter, protecting the residents is my responsibility. If you want to wipe out the city behind me, you'll have to do it over my dead body."

"About 60 years ago, the first thing that my teacher taught me

was that a foothold will never die if hunters were present! 60 years have passed and I have forgotten many of the things he had taught me. However, I won't ever forget this one fact until the day I die!" Zhu Nian explained his decision.

While he was talking, his body gradually gave off a gold aura that resembled a layer of fading golden flames. As time passed, the flames burned more vigorously and the gold color turned brighter. He looked like a burning sun in the form of a human.

"You should know that even if you overdraw your Life Fire, you won't be able to defeat me. The difference between a holy fire and an immortal-level transcendent could not be compensated by overdrawing one's Life Fire. If you were a genius, I might be afraid of you. However, you aren't. Otherwise, it wouldn't have taken you 60 years and you're still not at immortal-level yet." The Ghastly Clown no longer smile. Although his opponent was a lot weaker than him, The Ghastly Clown respected him.

"Yes, I'm not a genius. I can barely be called talented. I know that I won't be able to defeat you even by overdrawing my Life Fire. However, I'll never change my mind. I live by these four words – Fight to the death!"

After uttering the last word, he had completely transformed into a human-like flame that looked like a comet, rushing towards the Ghastly Clown.

The beam of golden light streaked across the sky in an instant and appeared in front of the Ghastly Clown.

"Hehehehe..." The Ghastly Clown smiled again. He gradually extended his hand that was wearing a white glove.

The beam of golden flame was blocked by his palm at a distance of fewer than three centimeters away. He could not move any further.

Zhu Nian attempted to release himself and retrieve his spear. However, he realized that the spear seemed to be attracted by a strong force, like gravity causing it to remain stationary.

"I've told you before. There is a huge difference between our combat abilities. Now I'll teach you the meaning of the difference in our power." As he finished saying those words, the Ghastly Clown squeezed its fingers. Cracks began to appear on the spear relic tool that was floating in mid-air.

"How can this be?!" Zhu Nian was stunned when he saw this.

He was holding a 3-star relic. The relic was unbreakable but the Ghastly Clown broke it with a snap of his finger.

Before Zhu Nian could respond to this, the parts of the spear closest to the cracks began to disintegrate...

The Ghastly Clown smiled, with another palm pressing against Zhu Nian's chest through the flames.



The next moment, Zhu Nian's body was smashed onto the ground.

He was defeated by just one skill...

"Shit, he's too powerful!" Lin Huang stared at the Ghastly Clown floating in the air, "Xiao Hei, use the Seal Card on this clown!"

# Chapter 150: The New Monster Card

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Lin Huang would only use the Seal Card when he encountered a strong monster.

He didn't know how a chief-level monster looked like but since this monster defeated Zhu Nian, Lin Huang was certain that this monster was stronger than the ordinary transcendent monsters.

In addition, if he did not seal the monster now, all the Daxi City residents would perish and if that happened, he would have to change his return route to Baqi City.

Taking all these into consideration, Lin Huang had finally decided to use the Seal Card.

"The Seal Card can only be used one time. Once it's used, you cannot reverse the action. Are you sure you would like to use it?"

"Yes."

"Please select the target that you would like to seal."

Lin Huang pointed at the Ghastly Clown hanging in the mid-air. Then, a gold arrow appeared on top of the Ghastly Clown's head.

"Seal him." Lin Huang nodded his head.

"Sealing target is a monster that has gone through twice mutation. It meets the sealing requirement"

"Sealing target is a chief-level monster. After being sealed, the target's combat abilities will be restricted by the host. It can only exceed the host by one level."

"Are you confirmed you would like to seal the target?"

"Confirm!" Lin Huang nodded his head without hesitation.

"Sealing..."

Right when the notification from Xiao Hei arrived, the Ghastly Clown in the air was not moving at all. After a while, the Ghastly Clown's body turned into a blue flare and vanished from the sky.

"Sealing is completed!"

"Congratulations, you have gained an Epic level monster card – Ghastly Clown."

Lin Huang immediately tapped open the new monster card that he had just obtained.

"Monster Card"

"Rarity: Epic"

"Monster Name: Ghastly Clown"

"Type of Monster: Undying species"

"Combat Level: White Silver 3 Star"

"Skill 1: Mask - Control"

"Skill 2: Mask - Position Swap"

"Skill 3: Life Mask"

"Skill 4: Deception Magic"

"Skill 5: Fatal Trap"

"Skill 6: Telekinesis"

"Summoning Limit: Activated"

"Cark Remarks: Trainable"

"It has six skills?!" Charcoal the dragonkin and Bai only possessed five skills even though they were also Epic level. Perhaps the

Ghastly Clown had higher-leveled combat abilities previously.

Lin Huang read through all of the skills to familiarize himself with them.

"Mask - Control: Replicate any of the faces within one's field of vision. By wearing the mask, one can have complete control over the owner of the face."

"Remark 1: The level of the one being controlled cannot exceed the controller by one level or more."

"Remark 2: There must be at least a three minutes interval before replicating the next mask."

"Remark 3: Replicated mask can be saved. However, the effect will only work when the mask is worn."

"Remark 4: The controlling effects will only work if the mask was replicated from an actual real face."

"Remark 5: Upon completion of the mask replication, if there are changes in the user's face such as serious disfigurements or plastic surgery, the effects of the mask would be rendered useless."

"Mask - Position Swap: The user and the one being controlled could change their position at any time."

"Life Mask: The one being controlled could bear adversity faced by the controller for one time. (Including, but not limited to, cursing, controlling and death effect)."

"Deception Magic: It is a magic that allows the user to switch between the reality and illusions. It has an incredible deception effect."

"Remark: It will only work on creatures that do not exceed the level of the user by one or above."

"Fatal Trap: Create countless unexpected traps to hunt or kill prey."

"Remark: The ability of the trap is limited. It will only work on creatures that do not exceed the level of the user by one level or more."

"Telekinesis: Telekinetic powers that allow the user to distort or move any object."

"The skills are indeed powerful. However, there are many restrictions." Lin Huang was amazed after looking at six of the skills.

"Would you like to extract the skills?" He received a notification from Xiao Hei.

"Oh yeah, I have an empty slot." Lin Huang just remembered that

after the integration of skill that he had done earlier, he could still extract skills another time. He immediately nodded his head and said, "Extract the skill."

"Congratulations, you have gained a skill; Mask - Control ."

Although there were many restrictions in using Mask - Control , it was undoubtedly a very powerful ability.

Keeping the Monster Card that he had just obtained, Lin Huang looked towards the monster crowd that had just ended.

"I could settle this using a Small Destruction Card but it would reveal my current location..."

All of a sudden, Zhu Nian emerged from the underground.

The golden flames surrounding his body had disappeared and there were cracks in his green armor relic. It was a 3-star defensive relic. Though it was not yet broken, it seemed to have lost its defensive powers due to the damages caused.

Despite having the armor as protection, it was not easy to withstand the Ghastly Clown's attacks but he knew he had to get off of the ground and endure the pain because if he didn't, a massacre would have happened.

As he flew mid-air, he looked around and there were no traces of the Ghastly Clown. This made Zhu Nian wonder. "Where is he?"

"Leader!" At the entrance of the foothold, Liang Song's voice was heard. He struggled to stand up.

When Zhu Nian saw this, he flashed and appeared in front of him. He then held his arm and asked, "What happened to you?"

"I'm fine. The clown turned into a blue flame and disappeared just now." Liang Song explained.

Zhu Nian could not believe this as he had never seen this happen before. How could a chief-level monster disappear just like that? This would probably only happen in stories.

"Bro, I saw it too, its true. It turned into a blue flame and disappeared." Zhou Qian nodded her head too. "If you don't believe us, you can ask the others. Many of them saw this."

Zhu Nian saw the rest of them nodding their heads. He had no choice but to believe them.

"It's okay. We'll talk about this later. Let's settle the monster horde first." Zhu Nian shook his head. He might as well not to think about this. Then, he looked at the monster horde.

Thanks to the armor relic that had defended against the attack, he was not seriously injured. Although he did not have his long spear with him, it would not affect his ability to kill monsters that were below transcendent level.



He extended both of his hands and opened his palm. Beams of glowing light that resembled a storm were created, gushing out into the air.

The glowing beams seemed to have eyes. They went around the humans and showed no mercy when they encountered monsters, penetrating through their bodies.

Millions of monsters were slaughtered in an instant.

There were monster carcasses everywhere in Daxi City.

The Virtual Eye that hung in the air gradually disappeared after a short while.

Ensuring that he had cleared all of the monsters, Zhu Nian stored the two transcendent monster carcasses as well as Xie Yu's dead body. He then summoned the dimensional portal and left with Zhou Qian and Liang Song.

# Chapter 151: Three Levels Of The Transcendents

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After the Virtual Eye closed, life for Daxi City citizens slowly returned to normal.

In the past few days, most of the monsters had been killed by Zhu Nian. Not even iron-level monsters were able to survive.

Lin Huang was lazy to go out so he had been training his sword skill every day in the hotel room.

There has been some discussion about this incident on the Heart Network and people now knew about Zhu Nian because of this incident.

Also, many of them had asked about the meaning of holy fire-level, immortal-level and the commander-level and chief-level monsters.

An anonymous user gave a detailed explanation about these combat abilities on the network. Lin Huang then realized the true extent of the combat ability of the Ghastly Clown that he had sealed earlier after reading through the post.

A transcendent was actually a general term used for the three levels ranked below demigod-level beings to indicate that one was beyond the levels of an ordinary human.

These three levels were the holy fire-level, immortal-level, and imperial-level respectively. The levels of the transcendent monster corresponding to these were commander-level, chief-level, and king-level.

Holy fire-level can be achieved when one's Life Power reached a certain level. One could then obtain tinder from killing commander-level monsters. Then, by igniting their Life Power, one could condense it into Life Fire.

When this happens, as long as their Life Fire did not go out, there would be a constant supply of Life Power to their body. Due to the changes in their Life Power, their lifespan would be increased five times beyond the limits of the lifespan of an ordinary person, up to 1800 years.

The condensation of Life Fire was actually a dangerous process.

If the body was unable to withstand the Life Fire during the transformation, their Life Power would be burnt by the Life Fire and they would either lose all their combat abilities or be burned to death.

The death rate of the advancement process was extremely high. 80% of people attempting to advance would die during this process and for the remaining 20%, half of them would lose their combat abilities and be turned into an ordinary person. Less than 10% would succeed in their advancement.

Upon upgrading to holy fire-level, the Life Fire had five colors

which ranged from white, red, blue, purple, and gold.

Based on the colors of their Life Fire, the holy fire-level can be divided into five levels.

Zhu Nian was a rank-5 transcendent. That was why Lin Huang felt that his aura was stronger than all the other transcents he had met.

Above the holy fire-level was immortal-level.

On this level, one would have to kill a chief-level monster and extract the monster's soul. Its soul would then be used as fuel that when condensed, would create a Life Lamp.

Only nine lamps could be made at most. Each of the Life Lamps represented 360 years of life. Adding nine Life Lamps could extend one's lifespan to a maximum of about 3,000 years. That was why it was known as the immortal-level.

Beyond that, would be the imperial-level.

To achieve this, one would have to kill king-level monsters and seize their Life Base to build a Life Palace...

After achieving these transcendent levels, one can then take it a level further and upgrade oneself to become a demigod.

Lin Huang could hardly imagine the abilities of the immortal-level and the imperial-level transcendents. Zhu Nian, who was only on the holy fire-level could kill millions of monsters with ease.

"Holy fire, immortal, imperial... I will achieve all these one by one and finally become a demigod!" Lin Huang was still focused on his goal.

Four days had passed. The time had come for Lin Huang to leave through the dimensional portal that he had booked earlier.

Early in the morning, Lin Huang hurried to the portal and joined the queue. There were already three people waiting in line.

The number of times that the dimensional portal could be used was limited, especially for long-distance trips. The destination had to be readjusted every time it was used. Lin Huang had to book it 12 days in advance.

If anyone did not arrive on time, their ticket would be burned.

Just as Lin Huang arrived, a middle-aged man who was slightly bald welcomed him.

"Hello, did you book your ticket for today?"

Lin Huang nodded his head. However, the man did not look like he was a staff here.

"Would you mind selling me the ticket? I have something urgent to deal with and I'm willing to pay five times the price." The middle-aged man looked anxious as if he really had something urgent to do.

"Sorry, I'm in a rush too." Lin Huang shook his head. He could not help as he wanted to return to foothold No.7A28 as soon as possible to avoid any further delays in his plans.

"I'm sorry for disturbing." The middle-aged man then turned back and sat on the chair that he was sitting on earlier.

Within a short while, another person came by and the middle-aged man immediately went up to him before returning again in disappointment.

Lin Huang saw what happened and knew that the man had something urgent to attend to. However, he could not offer the man any help. He then looked for a place to sit and waited patiently as the staff would begin work at 9 am.

Nine of them who had pre-booked a ticket for the dimensional portal had arrived.

When the 10th person arrived, a few of the people who wanted to buy tickets went up to him.

"There's still another 10 minutes before the dimensional portal

opens. Those who are looking for a ticket can look for me. However, as for the price..." A short and skinny man said, staring at few of the people who stood in front of him. "The base price of my ticket is 530,000 credit points. The price starts at 10 times higher than the original price and each markup has to be at least five times higher, I will sell the ticket to the anyone who can offer the highest price."

"Scavengers like him did really exist in this world..." Lin Huang was speechless.

The original price was 530,000 credit points but that man now managed to sell it for about 16,000,000 credit points.

This was actually not allowed at the portal.

The portal had established rules to restrict this. One could only resell their ticket at most three times a year. Once they had exceeded the limit, they would be blacklisted and not be allowed to buy any portal tickets for three years.

Once the ticket was sold, the ticket scalper immediately left. Soon, the staff arrived and the middle-aged man who had bought the ticket immediately changed its destination. He had to spend an additional 100,000 credit points for the change.

At 9 a.m., the dimensional portal was finally open. The staff did a roll call at the portal and each time the destination changed, the dimensional portal will close temporarily.

Lin Huang was the sixth person to be called, right after the middle-aged man who was holding the resale ticket left.

"Ye Xiu!"

Lin Huang did not respond. It was only when the staff called his fake name a second time that he remembered that he booked the ticket under a fake name. He then stood up.

Upon verifying the ticket and his identity, the staff reset the destination and pushed the door. Lin Huang then walked over and...



# Chapter 152: The Little "Beggar"

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At foothold No.7A28, also known as Peaceful City.

Grade-A super-sized footholds usually had populations that ranged in the hundreds of millions.

Similarly, Peaceful City had a population of 280 million people and there were approximately 400 million of people if people who passed through the foothold was included.

Apparently, Peaceful City was able to accommodate a large number of people.

Before Lin Huang arrived at the A-grade foothold, he imagined how it would look like but when he arrived, he realized that it was vastly different from what he imagined.

He thought that there would be various skyscrapers and modern buildings but most of them were ancient buildings instead. On the contrary, there were only a small number of modern buildings there. There was an ancient tower, an ancient pagoda, and an ancient rampart. Most of the buildings retained their historical charm.

Even the houses of most ordinary residents had a historical feel to it. The houses sported red bricks and green tiles. It was a prosperous historic city.

Lin Huang had booked a hotel located in a high-rise building at the center of the foothold. He then checked into the hotel and went to his room on the 81st floor.

He went up the staircase to his room which was No.081029.

The room was spacious. The walls were completely made of transparent tiles. It was a special kind of artificial tiling with a crystal-like transparency which was both strong and ductile. Lin Huang could clearly see cities which were 10 kilometers away from him.

"It seems like it is good to stay on the upper floors, though." Looking down at the scenery, Lin Huang no longer thought of changing to another hotel.

There was also a big balcony facing south equipped with a set of balcony chairs and a table.

He sat for a while on the balcony, feeling the wind blow against him.

"The overall impression of the hotel is good." Lin Huang was satisfied with the hotel. He then went to the living room and began planning his schedule for the next few days.

The portal ticket he booked earlier could be used after 33 days. 12 days had passed and he planned to stay at Peaceful City for another 21 days.

Lin Huang was not going to stay idle during the 21 days. Ever since he found out that there were three transcendent levels ranked above gold-level, his resolve was more focused than ever.

After cleaning the living room, he began to practice Wildfire Sword skill from eight o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night for several days. Putting aside time taken for his meals, he practiced for about 14.5 hours each day.

The number of sword skill pieces accumulated increased.

On the sixth day, he had accumulated 1000 Wildfire Sword pieces.

A notification from Xiao Hei finally came.

"You have accumulated Wildfire Sword sword skill pieces x1,000. It can be integrated into a Rare sword Skill Card. Would you like to integrate this card?"

"Integrate." Lin Huang immediately nodded his head.

Under normal circumstances, only 300 pieces were required to complete the integration of a Rare level sword Skill Card. However, for the Wildfire Sword skill, the notification to integrate was received only when 1,000 sword skill pieces were accumulated.

"Integrating Wildfire Sword skill pieces x1,000"

"Congratulations, you have gained a Rare skill - Wildfire Sword ."

Lin Huang immediately tapped open the Skill Card.

"Skill Card"

"Skill Card Name: Wildfire Sword"

"Rarity: Rare"

"Skill Type: Sword"

"Skill Level: Unavailable"

"Status: Available"

"Card Remarks: Passable"

"What Xiao Hei meant by 'skill level is unavailable' was that this skill is beyond gold-rank sword skills and is usable even when one is at the level of a transcendent." Lin Huang had familiarized himself with Xiao Hei's ambiguous descriptions after a period of time.

"Xiao Hei, I remember you telling me that as long as sufficient

skill pieces were collected, Wildfire Sword can be upgraded to Epic level without the need for an Advancement Card. Now that I have a complete set of Skill Cards, does it mean that I'll obtain one skill piece each time I practice this skill?" Lin Huang was not sure how it worked.

"You won't obtain a new skill piece by directly using the Wildfire Sword skill. You must create your own moves based on Wildfire Sword's moves. If the newly created moves can pass the evaluation, you will then be given a new skill piece.

"What is the evaluation criterion?" Lin Huang immediately asked.

"It depends on whether it meets the Dao of the Sword. If it does, it'll pass the evaluation. Otherwise, it'll fail the evaluation."

"Dao of the Sword..." That term sounded mysterious.

He opened the Heart Network and started looking for information on this term. There was no exact description of this term found on the network.

He stopped right before he called Yi Zheng because his second identity would be revealed. He changed his mind and started practicing with his sword again.

He had spent the whole afternoon practicing with his sword. He was puzzled that he had not gotten even a single skill piece yet.

"What the hell is the Dao of the Sword?" Lin Huang was in deep thought, stroking his chin. A thought suddenly flashed through Lin Huang's mind, "Dao of the Sword is required in order to upgrade a sword skill from Rare level to Epic level. The Epic level Great Sword Scripture that I possess should contain the Dao of the Sword..."

Lin Huang continued practicing the Great Sword Scripture instead of Wildfire Sword.

As he practiced the Great Sword Scripture , he felt a mysterious aura lingering around him. The feeling was unique, allowing him to feel every single detail when he practiced this skill. When he was practicing with this skill, even the dust in the air could be cut in half if he wanted to do so.

After practicing Great Sword Scripture three times, Lin Huang roughly knew what to do.

He then proceeded to practice Wildfire Sword repeatedly and carefully figured out every detail of the skill.

After practicing for a few hours, it was just over 12 a.m. before Lin Huang regained his senses.

Unexpectedly, he had accumulated about 10 Wildfire Sword skill pieces. He knew that he was on the right track.

He realized that it was already late at night and his stomach was growling. He only had one meal throughout the day, which was his breakfast at 7 a.m. - it had been 17 hours since his last meal.

"It's so late now. I'm so hungry... I wonder if there's anything to eat out there." Lin Huang lowered his head and looking down through the transparent tiles, he noticed that the street lights were turned off but he spotted a small area not far away from him with lights that were still lit. The place was crowded and it seemed like a night market.

He took a shower, changed his clothes and went down.

After leaving the hotel, he hurried to the night market.

"It seems like most people here like to hunt for food at midnight..." Lin Huang followed the smell of the food and found himself at a barbeque stall.

The owner of the stall was a short and fat 60-year-old man. His face was a smoky black and nobody could tell if he was born like that or if it was from being covered by the smoke from the coal.

On the barbeque rack, there were a few fist-sized steaks that were giving off a sizzling sound.

Lin Huang swallowed a mouthful of saliva as he caught a whiff of the steak.

"Boss, what type of meat is this?" One of the customers beside him asked.

The rest of them including Lin Huang immediately strained their ears to listen to the boss's answer.

"This is a fragrant swine. It's a new breed between a swine beast and a fragrant hog. It only became available in the market two years ago and is considered to be a new ingredient. That's why it costs relatively higher. Please bear with me..." The boss explained in details.

Peaceful City was an A-grade foothold that saw many hunters congregating there and many of them would look for food during midnight as they were probably busy the entire day and could only eat after nightfall. Of course, they would not care about how much credit points they were going to spend since credit points were merely a number to them.

At the barbeque rack, the smell of the steak grew stronger and the sizzling sound increased everyone's appetite.

The fat boss began to flip the meat with a pair of tongs.

All of a sudden, a black shadow flashed and the next moment, one of the steaks on the barbeque rack disappeared.

Lin Huang realized that the one who had stolen the steak was a child. He did not stop the child as he believed that the child would



only do this from being too hungry.

However, one of the hunters beside him could not stand this and pulled on the child's collar.

He fell down and looked at the hunter who pulled at his collar with fear. He was holding the steak tightly, not willing to let go as he was afraid that others would snatch his steak away.

"Little beggar, you stole the steak in front of us. Do you actually think we were blind?" The hunter was about to punish the child but Lin Huang stopped him.

"He must be hungry." Lin Huang shook his head and smiled, "Boss, I'll pay for the steak that he took."

After paying with his credit points, Lin Huang squat in front of the child and told him, "Stealing is wrong. Where are your parents? Are you lost?"

The child did not look like a beggar. Despite his face and clothing being dirty, they looked like they were stained recently.

Listening to Lin Huang's words, he hesitated for a moment before nodding his head.

"Alright. After you finish your food, I'll bring you to the exit of the night market and wait for them there. They will surely pass by there when they go home." Lin Huang pulled him up and said as he

looked at the steak that was already dirty, "Don't eat the one you're holding. I'll ask the boss to cook you another piece of steak."

He then turned to the boss and said, "Boss, two steaks, takeaway please."

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After buying two sets of steaks, Lin Huang gave one to the boy.

"The one you're holding is already are holding is already dirty when it touched the floor earlier during your fall. Throw it away."

The boy was holding the steak, hesitating for a moment.

"Come, give it to me." Lin Huang extended his hand.

The boy hesitated a little but still, he gave it to Lin Huang.

Lin Huang took it from him and threw it into the rubbish bin.

The boy stared at the rubbish bin and seemed like he was reluctant to throw it away.

"Alright, don't look at it anymore. You will get sick if you eat something dirty." Lin Huang patted the boy's shoulder. "If you're still hungry, I'll buy you more food."

He shifted his gaze as soon as he heard that, devouring the steak with pure bliss in his eyes.

The boy finished the steak after only two or three bites. He then lifted his head to look at Lin Huang's steak.

"Damn, so fast?" Lin Huang was shocked that he ate really fast.

He tore off part of his steak and gave the remaining half to the boy.

The boy started gobbling the steak down his throat.

Both of them walked for just a short while and the boy finished the second piece of steak. He raised his head and looked at Lin Huang again.

"You're not full yet?" Lin Huang was surprised.

The boy nodded his head.

"Alright. I'm not feeling that full as well, let's go look for some more food." Lin Huang did not feel full because he ate less than one-third of his steak. Then, they wandered around in the night market.

After walking for a while, the boy stood still in front of a stall.

Lin Huang took a look at it and realized that it was another barbeque stall.

"Does this little brat like grilled meat so much?" Lin Huang was kind of speechless. Still, he ordered two steaks for the boy and

bought himself a few kebabs.

Both of them headed towards the exit of the night market as they ate.

Within a short while, the boy finished both his steaks. He looked like he was still hungry as he raised his head to look at Lin Huang once again.

Lin Huang had no choice but to give him two of his remaining meat skewers.

"You're like a bottomless pit." Lin Huang could only eat two of the fist-sized steaks that he ate earlier and yet, the boy did not feel full even after eating four of them.

As they walked along the street, the boy suddenly stopped in front of a room.

Lin Huang thought that he saw some food in the room. However, when he looked at it, he realized that it was the kitchen of a barbeque shop. They were slaughtering a swine beast in the kitchen.

The boy stared at the beast.

Lin Huang frowned, "Don't tell me you want to eat the raw meat."

He brought the boy along with him and bought him more grilled meat. Then, they walked towards the exit of the night market.

Lin Huang was already felt full as he had eaten so much junk food. However, the boy hadn't stopped eating since they met.

Lin Huang counted and realized that he had already eaten 16 steaks, not including the junk food that he had eaten. His appetite was abnormally good. However, he ate only meat and did not eat vegetables or fruits at all.

Lin Huang thought about the way he looked at the swine beast earlier. A thought suddenly crossed his mind, "Could it be? Is it possible that the adults only gave him raw meat at home?"

"What's your name?" Lin Huang suddenly thought of asking the boy's name.

The boy raised his head, looking at Lin Huang and spoke for the first time, "327."

"I'm asking you your name. What's the meaning of those numbers?" Lin Huang could not understand what he was talking about.

The boy then pointed himself with his finger and said, "327."

"Your name is 327?" Lin Huang frowned because somehow, it sounded like a code for something.

The boy nodded his head.

Lin Huang kept quiet for a moment. Normal parents would definitely not give their children a code name. He felt like prisoners were the only people who would usually be given a code name. This was an indication that the boy came from a troubled family.

The boy was about nine or ten years old. Lin Huang was worried to let him go home.

He hesitated for a moment, thinking about the fact that he would be leaving this place after 20 days. He worried about bringing the boy away from this place as well so he decided to stay there and wait patiently.

After waiting until slightly after 2 a.m., the night market gradually became quiet after most of the people had left.

They waited until the last street lamp switched off which was at about 3 a.m. However, nobody came to claim the boy.

Lin Huang looked at the boy helplessly and said, "I think you might have to follow me to the hotel for one night. We will go to the Union Government office tomorrow morning and see if we can retrieve your identity."

The boy nodded his head.

Lin Huang brought him back to the hotel room.

"You can go to bed after taking your bath." Lin Huang went to the bathroom and prepared the water for him to take his bath. He then took kid-sized pajamas from the hotel and placed it in front of the bathroom. "Put on these pajamas after bathing. I'll wash your clothes later and it should be dry by tomorrow."

The boy then took off his shirt and went to the bathroom. Lin Huang took his clothes and threw it into the washing machine.

"That is your room. I have put on some sheets on your bed. You can go to bed now." Lin Huang pointed at the bedroom.

The boy nodded his head and turned around to go to the bedroom.

Lin Huang hung the clothes up. Then, he went back to his room and slept.

The next morning, Lin Huang woke up at 8 am.

He was shocked the moment when he opened his eyes. The boy had changed back into his own clothes and stood at the head of the bed. Lin Huang had no idea how long he had been standing there.

"Little brat, you should not stand there next time. You can play in



your room or the living room after waking up." Lin Huang sat up in bed and said.

Lin Huang knew why he was standing there now that he saw the boy was unwilling to leave.

"Are you hungry?" Lin Huang asked.

The boy nodded his head.

"Wait for me. Let me wash up first and we'll go downstairs for breakfast."

After about 10 minutes, Lin Huang was washing up and changed his clothes. He brought the boy to a buffet restaurant.

"Take whatever that you want to eat. Don't take too much. It'll be wasted if you can't finish it..." Once he finished the sentence, Lin Huang began feeling like what he said was totally and utterly unnecessary.

Lin Huang took an empty plate and took some food before he looked for a place for them to sit down.

The boy took an empty plate as well. After walking around at the restaurant, the boy finally took an entire plate of fried eggs and sat in front of Lin Huang. Lin Huang was amazed that the boy could build a stable stack of fried eggs that stood at a height of 20 centimeters.

Many of the people in the restaurant looked at him, expressing their dissatisfaction with the boy. Some of them even complained to the staff.

Within a short while, a waitress came.

"Mister, your child is going to waste food. We may have to give you a fine if he does."

"Don't worry. He's not going to waste your food." Lin Huang smiled and said, "Hey, show them."

The boy nodded his head and started to eat the fried eggs quickly. He had no idea how many eggs were there on the plate but he ate all of them in less than two minutes.

The waitress and the guests were all stunned.

"Are you full now?" Lin Huang asked as he was eating his fruits.

The boy shook his head.

"Do you want another plate?" Lin Huang asked.

The boy nodded his head.

"The fried eggs are not enough. Please serve us another plate of fried eggs." Lin Huang requested.

"Sorry..." The waitress took a while to respond and left immediately.

Lin Huang noticed the boy's eating habits. It seemed like he was only interested in eating meat and eggs. He was pickier than the Fatty, Yin Hangyi.

Lin Huang brought him along to get some more food. The boy managed to eat all of the meat they had there. Lin Huang then left the restaurant together with him in satisfaction.

"All these years, I've never managed to eat enough food to justify the price I pay. Today, I finally did it!"

After having their breakfast, it was already 9.30 a.m. Lin Huang and the boy rode the Viridian Wolf and hurried to the Union Government's office.

Soon, they found the relevant department after one of the service staffs led them there.

The one who was in charge of registration was a middle-aged woman.

"What's your name?"

The boy hesitated for a moment and looked at Lin Huang.

"She is asking for your name." Lin Huang nodded his head.

"327."

"What?" The woman was puzzled.

"327." The boy repeated.

"I'm asking for your name." The woman frowned slightly.

"He's saying that his name is 327. I've asked him before yesterday. Aside from these numbers, he doesn't know how to speak." Lin Huang who was standing beside him explained.

The woman glanced at the boy and turned her head towards Lin Huang. "Then tell me, when and where did you find him."

"Yesterday at midnight, slightly after 12 a.m..." Lin Huang explained everything that happened in detail. "I brought him along and waited at the exit of the night market until 3 a.m. but nobody came for him and I had to bring him to my hotel to stay the night. We came here after having our breakfast."

"Where is his Emperor's Heart Ring?" The woman asked.

"No, he didn't have it with him when I found him." Lin Huang noticed this on the first night when he saw him.

"He has to go for facial recognition then. However, I have to inform you that facial recognition might not be able to accurately identify him. If his identity cannot be determined, you will have to register with us and bring the child with you. We'll contact you if his parents or guardian comes for the child." The woman explained.

"But I'm leaving this foothold in 20 days." Lin Huang frowned. "Can't the child stay here?"

"There are more than hundreds of children like him sent to our place each day. We don't have a proper place for him. I believe that you're a kind-hearted person. We have confidence in your abilities to take care of him if he were to follow you. If you are facing any financial problems, we'll financial compensate you..." The woman explained patiently.

"Alright. Let him go through facial recognition first." Lin Huang agreed.

Soon, a staff took the child away. After about 10 minutes, the staff and the child came out.

"Sorry, the boy's identity could not be identified by facial recognition." The staff told him the result of the test.

"Then the child has to follow you. Please register your name."  
The woman gave Lin Huang some documents to fill up.

"Alright..." Lin Huang was trapped because he could not just leave the boy alone and stranded.

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He brought the boy back to the hotel. Lin Huang wondered how he was going to settle this problem.

The main problem was not the boy's huge appetite. It was that Lin Huang had no idea how he would explain this to Lin Xin.

He thought for a while and turned his head to look at the boy, "I shouldn't be calling you little brat all the time and it's also impolite to call you with a number. I should give you a new name."

The boy nodded his head.

"Alright. Your new name will be Lin Xuan."

After confirming the name, Lin Huang looked at the boy again, "I give you this name in hopes that you can become a dignified man in future."

The boy nodded his head, pointed at himself with his finger and said, "Lin Xuan."

"Yes, you are right. From today onward, your name is Lin Xuan." Lin Huang in turn, pointed at himself and said, "I am Lin Huang. From today onward, I'm your brother."

Lin Xuan nodded his head and pointed at Lin Huang, "Brother."

"I have a sister. Her name is Lin Xin. She is 13 years old. She is your sister." Lin Huang continued. "In 20 days, I'll bring you home and introduce her to you."

Lin Xuan nodded his head again.

"Lin Xuan, I will practice with my sword in the living room every day. Don't come near me because I'm afraid I might hurt you if I'm not aware that you are close by. If you're hungry, let me know and we'll go out and look for food." Lin Huang said.

Lin Xuan nodded his head. He seemed like he had thought of something. He hesitated for a while, looked at Lin Huang and said, "Hungry..."

"You're hungry already?" Lin Huang looked at the time. It was only slightly after 11 a.m. and it was indeed already time for lunch.

He immediately brought Lin Xuan to the buffet restaurant downstairs.

A huge variety of food was available during lunch compared to breakfast. There were various types of meat.

Lin Xuan took more than half an hour to eat his fill to satisfy his hunger, having already eaten almost all the meat in the buffet restaurant.



He brought Lin Xuan back to his room and Lin Huang began practicing with his sword in the living room.

Lin Xuan was initially resting at his room but after a while, Lin Xuan went to the living room and looked at Lin Huang who was practicing with his sword.

As he looked at Lin Huang, he began to follow Lin Huang's movements.

Lin Huang laughed at him. He did not bother, allowing him to learn.

It took Lin Huang for exactly one month to learn the Wildfire Sword skill. It was only then that he could gather a sufficient number of skill pieces to integrate them into a Rare Skill Card. If it was any other talented person, it would take them at least half a year to actually learn this skill so he was not too worried about Lin Xuan being able to master it.

However, after practicing his technique several times, he noticed that Lin Xuan began to use his hand as a sword, performing the complete Wildfire Sword stances. To top it off, there seemed to be a lingering charm in the way he practiced.

"Could it be? Is it possible that he's a sword genius?" Lin Huang sheathed his sword and stared at Lin Xuan's movement.

He was assured that he was a sword genius as he looked at Lin

Xuan's movement. Lin Xuan had already mastered the Dao of the Sword. The sword skill that he was performing was not the Rare Wildfire Sword Skill that Lin Huang had been practicing. Instead, it was the Epic Wildfire Sword Skill.

Some of the movements that Lin Xuan did were different from the ones that Lin Huang practiced. Lin Huang confirmed that Lin Xuan did not blindly follow what he did but instead, derived completely different Epic Sword Skill stances.

After he finished practicing the whole set of sword skill, Lin Xuan stopped. He then returned to his senses. When he saw Lin Huang looking at his direction, he looked back at Lin Huang with doubt.

"Lin Xuan, the stances you were practicing earlier... Have you learned it in the past before?" Lin Huang asked.

Lin Xuan was confused so he shook his head.

"It's true! I have found a sword genius!" Lin Huang was excited. Lin Xuan only watched him practice Wildfire Sword several times and he could already perform the complete stance for an Epic Sword Skill.

He passed the wooden sword to Lin Xuan and said, "Come, show me one more time using this sword."

Lin Huang purposely bought the wooden sword so that he would not damage anything in the hotel's living room.

Lin Xuan took the wooden sword and started practice with the sword.

Lin Xuan moved aside when he saw Lin Huang resuming his practice which was actually stances he got from watching Lin Xuan earlier. After watching that for a while, he went back into his room, seemingly uninterested in it.

However, Lin Huang was inspired by Lin Xuan and the speed he accumulated skill card pieces had become faster.

He would usually get about 20 skill card pieces in a day. However, he had gotten more than 20 skill card pieces during the afternoon alone.

During dinner time, Lin Xuan walked out of his room and saw that Lin Huang was still practicing with his sword. He hesitated a little and still, he said, "Brother, hungry..."

"Alright. We'll go for dinner." Lin Huang looked at the time. It was about 5 p.m. now. He immediately put his sword away and washed his face. Then, he brought Lin Xuan to the buffet restaurant again.

Similar to the previous visit, Lin Xuan spent half an hour for dinner and finished all the meat in the restaurant.

They were about to leave when the hotel manager approached

them, his face obviously sour.

"Mr. Ye, our restaurant is going to lose money if your child continues to eat like this. There are many other buffet restaurants out there and you need not visit this restaurant only. Maybe trying other restaurant's dishes will be good for the both of you." It was apparent that the manager was being selfish and said, "If you're not satisfied with our service, we'll compensate you."

"It's okay. I won't make things difficult. I'll look for some other buffet restaurant." Lin Huang felt that the hotel was quite uncomfortable and did not want to put the hotel staff through too much hassle.

"Thank you. I'm sorry for the inconveniences caused." The hotel manager apologized.

Again, he brought Lin Xuan back to his room and continued practicing with his sword.

It was 10 p.m. now. Lin Xuan did not mention anything about being hungry and had already fallen asleep.

Lin Huang practiced until 12 a.m. He then took a bath and went to bed.

The next day morning at around 8 am, Lin Huang opened his eyes and saw Lin Xuan standing in front of his room. He did not stand at the headboard anymore.

The first thing Lin Xuan said as soon as Lin Huang woke up was, "Brother, hungry..."

"Let me wash up first. We'll go for breakfast." Lin Huang and Lin Xuan went downstairs and headed to another buffet restaurant nearby.

Once again, many people were amazed by Lin Xuan's appetite.

Lin Huang and Lin Xuan tried almost all the buffet restaurants nearby in the following days.

Most of the buffet restaurants owners knew that there was a child with very big appetite as he could eat more food than the restaurant's daily sales within a day.

Lin Huang and Lin Xuan had been blacklisted by many of the buffet restaurants.

"We just got blacklisted by the 17th buffet restaurant." Lin Huang was not embarrassed. Instead, he was actually proud of his new brother's achievements.

The speed Lin Huang's could accumulate skill pieces grew faster and faster. The reason for this was because he began practicing his sword with Lin Xuan.

On his 19th day staying in Peaceful City, Lin Huang had finally accumulated 3,000 Wildfire Sword skill card pieces.

A notification from Xiao Hei finally arrived.

"You have accumulated Wildfire Sword skill pieces x3,000. They can be integrated into a Wildfire Sword Skill Card. Upon completing the integration process, your Wildfire Sword Skill Card can be upgraded from Rare to Epic. Would you like to integrate this card?"

"Yes!" Lin Huang was thrilled!

"Integrating Wildfire Sword skill pieces x3,000. Integrating Rare Wildfire Sword Skill Card."

"Congratulations, you have gained Epic Sword Skill - Wildfire Sword."

Lin Huang immediately tapped on the Skill Card to see the description.

"Skill Card"

"Skill Name: Wildfire Sword"

"Rarity: Epic"

"Type of Skill: Sword"

"Skill Level: Unavailable"

"Status: Available"

"Card Remarks: Passable"

Lin Huang was excited for the entire afternoon after he obtained his second Epic Skill Card.

"It's great. I have completed advancing my sword skill before returning to Baqi City." Lin Huang was quite satisfied with his progress.

He had been practicing with his sword for many days before he finally got his second Epic Skill Card. He wanted to rest in the coming days.

On his 20th day staying in Peaceful City, Lin Huang and Lin Xuan went out to look for food. They began eating from morning until 10 o'clock at night. Then, they returned to the hotel.

The next morning on the 21st day, they checked out of the hotel. They then proceed to ride on the Viridian Wolf to the portal. At about 8.30 a.m., both of them arrived at the portal.

It was undeniable that an A-Grade foothold was huge as there

were already hundreds of people waiting there when they arrived.

At 9 a.m., there were about 1,000 people waiting at the portal.

The staff at the portal started to get busy.

They went to the counter and Lin Huang bought him a portal ticket. Although he had bought a single ticket earlier, he was allowed to bring along other people as long as he bought another ticket for them with the same destination he was going to.

Maybe it was stricter at A-Grade footholds, possibly it was also because of the ticket prices which were expensive but Lin Huang did not see any ticket scalpers here.

It was slightly after 10 a.m. before Lin Huang finally heard the staff calling his name. He brought Lin Xuan along and walked towards the dimensional portal.

As soon as the staffs had set their destination, both of them quickly walked through.

The golden dimensional portal gradually closed behind them...



# Chapter 155: Back Home

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Foothold No.7A12, also known as Qiantang City was the most popular attraction at Division7.

The beautiful scenery constantly changed according to the four seasons.

With blooming blossoms come forth spring,

Autumn dances in the moonlight beam,

Summer calls with whispering winds,

Of snow and frost, winter sings.

It was a poem written by a strong man to extol Qiantang City almost 700 years ago.

Lin Huang arrived at Qiantang City for the first time and this city gave him a good first impression.

Though he did not stay there for long, if Lin Huang was to settle down someday, Qiantang City would be his first choice.

"Let's see if I can apply for permanent residency in this city. If I could, it'd be good to stay here together with Xin Er." Lin Huang thought of this in his heart when he left.

The price of a house was no longer a problem to Lin Huang. However, it was not easy to get approval for permanent residency in an A-grade foothold.

Together with Lin Xuan, the both of them stayed at Qiantang City for two days. Then, they went back to Baqi City through the dimensional portal.

Upon their arrival at Baqi City, Lin Huang immediately removed the disguise that he had been wearing and reverted to his original look.

Lin Huang was worried that Lin Xuan could not recognize him after he had removed his disguise but Lin Xuan could not tell the difference. This made it quite convenient for Lin Huang as he could save his breath on the lengthy explanation he had prepared earlier. Both of them rode on the Alexandrian Eagle and returned to Wulin Town.

Lin Huang had left for about two months.

He initially planned to come back once he had upgraded to bronze-level. One month was enough for him but he had never expected so many things to happen. He knew that Lin Xin must be very worried about him.

His suspicions were correct as he could hear that Lin Xin running down the stairs the moment he opened the door.

"Brother!" She immediately pounced on Lin Huang the moment she saw him.

She hugged Lin Huang tightly, unwilling to let go of him. She was trying to hold back the tears she had in her eyes.

"I'm fine. Some incidents happened and that's why I'm late for a month." Lin Huang stroked Lin Xin's head, explaining what happened to her with a smile.

"I've been calling your number every day but I couldn't get through. I thought something bad had happened to you..." Lin Xin burst into tears.

"My Emperor's Heart Ring is not functioning well. I'll repair it soon." Lin Huang could only explain it this way.

His use of the Emperor's Heart Ring had been restricted when he encountered the Purple Crow. When the Purple Crow left, he created a fake identity for himself and the original Emperor's Heart Ring was kept in storage. To avoid attracting the Purple Crow's attention, he dared not contact Lin Xin using his Emperor's Heart Ring.

"Alright, stop crying." Lin Huang tried to comfort her.

It was only after a long while that Lin Xin released her hands and finally noticed the little boy who was standing beside Lin Huang.

"The child is..." Looking at the boy who was less than nine years old, Lin Xin asked doubtfully.

Lin Huang then explained everything to her.

"He is so pitiful. Brother, can we adopt him?" Lin Xin sympathize with the boy.

"If nobody comes looking for him, he has to stay here." Lin Huang explained.

"Alright, before his parents come, you can't ask him to leave the house." Lin Xin immediately switched sides.

"Hey, when did I ask him to leave?" Lin Huang pinched Lin Xin's cheeks and said, "I have given him a new name, Lin Xuan. Introduce yourself to him."

"Hello, my name is Lin Xin. I am your brother's sister." Lin Xin introduced herself to Lin Xuan, "I'm turning 14 soon. I'm older than you and you should address me as your sister. If anyone dares to bully you around here, I'll help you straighten them out!"

Lin Xin was very happy and said, "I finally have a little brother!"

"Brother, where's Lin Xuan going to sleep tonight?" Lin Xin suddenly thought of this.

"I'll put a small bed in my room. He can sleep in my room." Lin Huang just thought of this and realized that he should settle this problem first. "I'll go to Furniture City and buy him a bed as well as some food. Can you play with him first? If he gets hungry, give him some meat to eat. We'll eat some good food later during lunch."

"Alright, come home earlier. It's already 11 o'clock." Lin Xin looked at the time and said.

Right after Lin Huang left, Lin Xin played with Lin Xuan for a while.

"You will be full later if you eat meat now. I'll get you some sweets." Lin Xin walked to the kitchen and took out some sweets from the snack cabinet and placed them on the table. "Choose whichever ones you like."

Lin Xuan looked at the sweets and kept quiet.

"How about trying this? It tastes good." Lin Huang chose one of the colorful sweets and gave it to him. That was her favorite flavor.

Lin Xuan shook his head. He did not take the sweets but he turned his head towards the refrigerator instead.

"Are you sure you want to eat meat?" Lin Xin frowned.

Lin Xuan nodded his head.

"Alright, I'll get you some meat then." Lin Xin then took out a completely frozen steak from the fridge and placed it on the plate. Then, she stared at the steak awkwardly, "I didn't defrost the meat. If I put it in the oven directly it can't be fully cooked... What should I do?"

While she was still thinking about what she should do, Lin Xuan suddenly extended his hand and grabbed the frozen steak. Before Lin Xin could respond, he had bitten off a mouthful of meat.

Lin Xin was shocked, looking at Lin Xuan as he bit the frozen steak. After a long moment, she finally reacted and said, "This is still raw, you can't eat it! You'll get sick."

Before she could snatch the frozen steak away from him, Lin Xuan devoured the steak with just a few bites.

After he had finished eating the raw steak, he looked at the fridge again with a pitiful look.

"No, you can't eat raw food!" Lin Xin blocked the refrigerator and said, "If you want to eat, wait for brother to come back. He'll cook for you."

He stopped asking for food as he heard this.

After about 20 minutes, Lin Huang came home.

"I have ordered takeout. Lin Xin, please open the door later when the food is here. I'll set up the bed first." Lin Huang told her and went upstairs.

Lin Xin hesitated for a moment and she decided to go after Lin Huang.

Lin Huang went to his room and moved his bed. Then, he placed the small bed that he had just bought. As soon as he set up the bed, he saw Lin Xin was walking into his room.

"What happened? It looks like you have something to tell me." Lin Huang knew that she was a bit hesitant as he took a glance at Lin Xin.

"Brother... When Lin Xuan was with you, did he eat raw meat?" Lin Xin asked.

"No, he didn't. Why..." Lin Huang was stunned. When he heard this he frowned and asked, "Did he just eat raw meat?"

Lin Xin then told him what happened earlier.

After listening to this, Lin Huang suddenly recalled that he seemed like he was looking at food when he saw the swine beast that night.

Be it his abnormally huge appetite or his unusual code name, his talent at handling the sword or the fact that he ate raw meat, this little brat was indeed weird.

Lin Huang had no idea what kind of person he actually adopted but it seemed like Lin Xuan was not harmful and at the very least, he has not caused any harm to humans.

"I understand, I'll look after him." Lin Huang nodded his head and said, "Go downstairs and wait for the takeout delivery. I'll go down right after I fix this up."

After putting sheets on the bed, he heard Lin Xin shouting at him.

"Brother, the delivery man is here. You ordered so much!"

"Got it, I'm coming down." Lin Huang immediately went downstairs.

Two of the delivery staffs took turns bringing the meals from their car into the house.

"Are there any special guests coming to your house? You ordered so many dishes!" One of the delivery staff asked with a smile.

"Yes, I did order too much." Lin Huang immediately answered



before Lin Xin could react.

Lin Xin took a glance at him and kept quiet.

Right until the moment the delivery staff left their house after bringing in all the food, she asked, "Brother, do we have guests coming later? Why did you order so much food?"

"You will see later." Lin Huang said while he asked Lin Xin to open the covers of the containers.

Three of them were sitting in front of the table, enjoying their meal.

After a short while, Lin Xin finally knew why Lin Huang ordered so much food. She was terrified at the rate Lin Xuan was eating.

"Eat slowly, nobody is going to snatch your food away." Lin Huang smiled.

Soon, Lin Huang and Lin Xin had finished eating. Lin Xuan then ate all of the leftovers. Lin Xin was stunned looking at his appetite.

"He has a big appetite..." Lin Xin told Lin Huang softly.

Lin Huang laughed and told her that Lin Xuan was blacklisted by 18 buffet restaurants.

After lunch, Lin Huang led Lin Xuan to his room. He pointed at the small bed and said, "That's your bed."

He then pointed at his own bed, "I'll be sleeping over there. Just tell me if anything happens."

Lin Xuan nodded his head.

Lin Huang then went downstairs and cleaned the kitchen. He sat on the sofa and searched for information on the Hunter Assessment.

He wanted to go for the Hunter Assessment before he was upgraded to the silver-level so he could get the license to become a real hunter.

It had been more than four months since he last registered himself at the Hunter Association. In fact, it was quite fast for an ordinary person to achieve bronze-level within four months. However, with sufficient Life Crystals, the speed he advanced was still quite ordinary. If he were to attend the assessment after he upgraded to silver-level, Lin Huang's leveling speed would be revealed during the combat test which is why he had to get his license before he upgraded to silver-level.

# Chapter 156: Yang Ling's Reminder

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The assessment for Regular Hunters was held twice a year in June and December.

It was previously held only once a year in June. However, in the last hundred years, the number of candidates who registered for the assessment increased rapidly so they increased the number of assessments to twice a year.

One could register for the assessment directly via the network. However, they had to attend the assessment at a B-grade big-sized foothold.

It was now early November. Lin Huang planned to take a break since the assessment was one month away.

He arrived in this world back in June and had been very busy throughout the last five months. He had encountered transcendent monsters many times where other people would have probably been lucky to have only met them once in a lifetime. He was living quite an interesting life.

Despite the fact that the content of the Regular Hunter Assessment varied each year, with his bronze-level rank-3 combat ability, Lin Huang was confident that it would not be difficult for him to pass the assessment without disclosing his identity as an Imperial Censor. Therefore, he did not need to put in much effort into the assessment.

After some thought, the only thing he could do now was to stabilize his Life Power by using his Life Skills. After completing the Regular Hunter Assessment, he would be upgraded to silver-level immediately.

However, before this, he had one task to do.

Staring at the Emperor's Heart Ring on his left index finger, he hesitated for a moment. He then decided to call Yang Ling.

Yang Ling was the skinny man who made Lin Huang a fake Emperor's Heart Ring at Daxi City. The moment he saw the football, Lin Huang knew that he was also a traveler.

It rang for about 10 seconds and the communication device connected.

"What's up? Do you have any business for me?" Yang Ling's voice was heard from the communication device.

"How did you know that it's not because something is wrong with the Emperor's Heart Ring? How did you know that I called you to ask for help?" Lin Huang asked seriously.

"I'm confident with my skills," Yang Ling paused for a moment and said, "Tell me whatever you want. If not, I have something else I need to deal with."

"Emm..."

Lin Huang wanted to get closer to him since both of them were travelers from Earth. He wanted to know more about his travels. However, it was apparent that he had something more "important" to deal with so Lin Huang had to immediately tell him the purpose of the call.

"I actually wanted to ask, could you replicate an Emperor's Heart Ring? For example, my Emperor's Heart Ring can't be used for some complicated reasons and I need to replicate a new one with similar personal information but..."

Yang Ling interrupted before Lin Huang could finish his sentence, "Alright, I get it. You're looking for a Parallel Space Ring."

"Are you sure that's what I want? I haven't finished saying what I needed," Lin Huang was not sure if he understood what he meant.

"Alright, stop talking. I don't know which organization are you going to leave and I'm really not interested. You're looking for a new Emperor's Heart Ring that does not contain any information about the organization, except your own identity," Yang Ling concluded. What he said was exactly what Lin Huang was asking for.

"Yes, that's the one," Lin Huang nodded his head.

"I can do it for you. However, two prices are available for this ring - 100 Life Crystal and 200 Life Crystal," Yang Ling said.

"What's the difference?" Lin Huang frowned and asked.

"The ring that costs 100 Life Crystal contains only your personal information. However, you will lose the information registered at the Credit Bureau, Hunter Association, and other organizations. Also, you can no longer withdraw your credit points from your savings account at the Credit Bureau. Regarding the registration information, it will not be troublesome to register again at some of the organizations. However, if the organization is strict in verifying and examining the applicant's information, they will debug their database and remove the original information. This will cause your original information to be modified. At the same time, it might notify other registered organizations regarding the change of information."

"For the ring that costs 200 Life Crystal, I will completely replicate the Emperor's Heart Ring and remove the information that you do not want completely. All of your registered information will still be there and you can withdraw your credit points from your savings account. If you have large amounts of savings, I would recommend you to take this option," Yang Ling explained the details.

"Alright, I will take the one that costs 200 Life Crystal then," Lin Huang decided quickly. If he were to choose the former, he had to register at the Hunter Association again before attending the Regular Hunter Assessment. This might notify the Purple Crows.

"You only need to make a copy of your personal information and send me the information via an encrypted email," he said, and

before Yang Ling finished his sentence, he added, "You should know that I will only accept Life Crystal. Don't convert it to credit points when you make your payment."

"I know. Don't worry," Lin Huang nodded his head.

"Send me your information now and I'll do it for you tonight. I'll send it to you right after I'm done. Since you are a regular customer, you won't need to pay for the postage," Yang Ling said.

"Please delete my personal information after you're done," Lin Huang reminded him before sending out the email.

"Don't worry. I have been doing this for years and I have never disclosed any of my customer's information. I will make sure that the information is permanently deleted without leaving any traces. I assure confidentiality with the hopes that I will have more returning business from all my customers," Yang Ling said to comfort his doubts.

"Alright," Lin Huang said and then sent him a copy of his personal information via the encrypted email.

After a moment, Yang Ling's voice was heard from the communication device again. "Which information do you wish to remove?"

"The information about the Purple Crows," he said, referring to the complete set of information that had been sent to Yang Ling.

There was nothing Lin Huang could hide.

Yang Ling kept quiet for a moment and said, "Alright, I can do it for you. However, I have to remind you that the Purple Crow is not a simple organization. It will be better if you could destroy the original Emperor's Heart Ring at a place that you are unfamiliar with."

"Can't I keep it in my storage space?" Lin Huang asked.

"Even if you kept it in the storage space, they can still track your location through certain methods," Yang Ling explained.

Lin Huang broke out in cold sweat as he heard this. He kept his Emperor's Heart Ring in his storage space all the time and he thought his whereabouts could not be tracked. However, he was now sure that his location could in fact, still be tracked.

"Anyway... They won't track you if you are not an important person. I just wanted to remind you so that you are aware of it. Don't be too worried," Yang Ling added as he seemed to know that Lin Huang was worried about it.

"I know. I'll settle it soon," Lin Huang said. He was not going to keep the Emperor's Heart Ring with him after what Yang Ling had said.

"Oh yeah, is the delivery address the same as the address provided with your information?" Yang Ling asked.



"Yes," Lin Huang said and nodded his head.

"I will send it to you at that address then. Are you in a hurry? If you could wait for two to three months, I will choose a cheaper postage method and save some money," Yang Ling asked.

"I need it by December. I can actually pay for the postage, no worries," Lin Huang did not know that Yang Ling wanted to save some money. He needed it by then.

"It's fine. I said postage was included. Since you are in a hurry, I will use the fastest method. You will receive it within a week," Yang Ling said as he insisted on paying the postage fee.

"Thank you then," Lin Huang replied and smiled.

"As a final reminder, you should move from your location as soon as possible. Although I don't know how you escaped from the Purple Crows, your address has been disclosed. If they find out you're still alive, your family members will be in danger," Yang Ling warned before hanging up.

## Chapter 157: New Emperor's Heart Ring

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After hanging up the call with Yang Ling, Lin Huang was thinking about the reminder asking him to move away from where he lived for his family and his own safety. Although he faked his death and successfully escaped from the Purple Crows, he had left traces of his personal details with them. There would not be a problem if nobody knew that he was still alive, however, if it was discovered, the Purple Crows would definitely come after him. The Purple Crow staff could enter small areas such as Wulin Town as they wished without restrictions or resistance from the government.

"I must get the residential permit to stay in a grade-A foothold or else Lin Xin wouldn't be able to transfer schools. If I'm not able to do that, it would be good to get the permit to temporarily stay in a grade-B foothold. At least there are quite a few transcendents that resided in grade-B foothold. The people of the Purple Crow would be more cautious and will not intervene haphazardly," Lin Huang thought. He also considered asking Yi Zheng about the residential permission as soon as he got his new Emperor's Heart Ring. As he was a royal member, he would surely know more about the matter than Lin Huang did.

"Xin Er, I need to run some errands. I will be back soon," he called out.

Lin Huang left the house right after that. He changed his face before heading to the Credit Bureau. There was quite a queue at the bureau, and it took awhile until it was his turn.

There was a woman who looked a little older than 50 years old behind the counter. She looked at Lin Huang and asked, "What kind of service would you like?"

"A bank transfer, please," Lin Huang answered. He then looked for Yang Ling's account number on his communication device.

The woman frowned and reminded him as per bank policy, saying, "There are many frauds on the network nowadays. You young people shouldn't be transferring money to strangers, you should be more alert."

"Thanks for your reminder, I understand that," Lin Huang nodded.

"What is your relationship with the person that you are transferring the money to?" the woman asked.

"We are friends, I guess," Lin Huang answered.

"You should not trust those friends that you get to know from the network. They could be frauds," the woman reminded him again.

"We have met before," Lin Huang explained, quite annoyed with her constant prodding.

"Alright, that's better. What is the reason of the transaction?" the woman continued. She then followed the question with another piece of advice, and said, "If it's lending your friend money, try not

to send too much or else you might not get it back in the future."

"Oh it's not lending money, it's a proper business," Lin Huang said, helplessly fending off the woman's interrogation. The woman was too passionate about matters not concerning her, he thought.

"Alright then, how much is it?" the woman finally asked.

"200 Life Crystals. Please do not send credit points, he only wants Life Crystals," Lin Huang said. He then took out all 200 Life Crystals and piled them on the counter.

It was rare for ordinary people to even see a Life Crystal piece. Now that there were so many complete Life Crystals lying on top of the counter, everyone was stunned. It took the woman behind the counter a moment to snap out of her daze.

"Would you like to send all of these Life Crystals out?" she asked immediately.

"Yes, there are a total of 200 of them. Please do not send out credit points, just transfer all these Life Crystals to his account," Lin Huang said again while he projected Yang Ling's account details before the woman.

"Give me a moment, I will have to count." The woman nodded and started counting the Life Crystals.

Soon she was done counting.

"200 pieces of standard Life Crystals. The system shows that all of them are complete, the woman said. The woman then nodded and said, "Kid, are you sure you want to send so many Life Crystals to your friend?"

"Yes. He is sending me my requested items while I send him the money. This is a business transaction," Lin Huang said and nodded.

"Alright, so you would like to send Life Crystals, not Life Crystals pieces or credit points right?" The woman confirmed again.

"Yes, he only accepts Life Crystals," Lin Huang nodded.

"Sure, I'll do that for you now," she replied. Awhile later, the woman nodded at Lin Huang and said, "The transaction is complete."

Just when the woman informed Lin Huang, he received a message from Yang Ling, "I have received the money, I will send out your stuff tonight."

"Thank you, Auntie," Lin Huang said and left. When he got home from the Credit Bureau, he saw that Lin Xin was teaching Lin Xuan how to play the Gun Master. He then started to practice Army Attack Tactics in the living room. Ever since he levelled-up to a Bronze-level. He had never trained his Army Attack Tactics anymore. However, the sword skill had been up to its own rotation plans. The Life Power in his body was now pretty stable. If

he was to properly train for 10 days to half a month, he would definitely master the skill.

Lin Huang stopped his training when it was dinner time, and he ordered some takeaway again. Lin Xuan had a big appetite, and what Lin Huang cooked would not have been enough for Lin Xuan. Soon, the food was delivered. After dinner, Lin Xin helped Lin Huang clean up the kitchen.

"It's not good that we order takeaway everyday. I must think of a way to solve the problem of Lin Xuan's big appetite..." Lin Huang mumbled to himself while he cleaned up.

Lin Xin who was next to him heard him suddenly stopped washing the dishes. She seemed to have recalled something and said, "Brother, there was this barbecue machine that was very popular on the network. My friend has one at home. It can contain a lot of food and it's easy to use. You can even put an entire pig monster in and the machine would peel its skin and cut it into pieces before the barbecue began, automatically. All you have to do is put the seasoning in one hour later and it would be ready 10 minutes after that."

"Is there really such thing?" Lin Huang's eyes lit up.

"Yes! I've tried it at her place, and it tasted really good," Lin Xin nodded.

"Let's get one then." Lin Huang decided immediately.

Two days later, the outdoor waterproof barbecue machine arrived. It was big, so Lin Huang placed it in the garden on the fourth floor. He had many monster bodies in his space storage ring, all he would have to do was put one monster in the machine. The issue about Lin Xuan's food was solved.

For the entire week, Lin Huang spent most of his time in training his Army Attack Tactics. The Life Power in his body was stabilized sooner than expectation. He was ready to breakthrough to a White Silver-level at any moment, so to prevent that, he finally gave himself a break. On the eighth day, he received the new Emperor's Heart Ring Yang Ling sent him. He put it on immediately. He then found out that all of his personal details, including his 300 billion credit points were still in his account with the Credit Bureau. The only change was that his registration with the Purple Crows was no longer there. He was much relieved.

However, he soon found out that he had many missed calls and messages when he opened the contact page. Most of them came from Lin Xin, she had called him more than 30 times and sent many messages. Fatty had called him thrice, two missed calls from Yi Yeyu and one from Yi Zheng. For messages, Fatty had sent him quite a few, two were from Yi Yeyu and one from Leng Yuexin. Lin Huang then read the messages one by one.

Fatty informed Lin Huang that he had to leave to Baqi City as he had something to settle at home, and he could not wait for Lin Huang anymore. Yi Yeyu sent two messages, one which read 'So you've spread your wings now and you're not picking up my calls

anymore?' while the other one was 'Haven't heard from you for a month now, are you dead?'. But, the message from Leng Yuexin was simple, and it read, 'I am back in Division7.'

The first message Lin Huang replied to was to Leng Yuexin, "That's great. I was staying in Fog Canyon, and there was no signal. I have just gotten back today."

He replied Yi Yeyu next, "I wouldn't die so easily. I was in Fog Canyon, there was no signal in there. Is there anything I can do for you?"

He replied Fatty next, "Alright then, go settle your stuff. I have just came back from Fog Canyon today."

Yi Yeyu requested to do a video-call with Lin Huang immediately, and he picked up the call after sitting down on the couch.

"So you're really alive, I thought you were dead," Yi Yeyu said as she checked Lin Huang out through the video.

"Such a genius like me wouldn't die so easily," Lin Huang laughed, "Anything?"

"Can't I call for nothing?" Yi Yeyu glared at Lin Huang.

"Of course you can, anytime anywhere," Lin Huang nodded.



"I heard you've been to Fog Canyon. Something happened there earlier so I wanted to confirm if you were really alive," Yi Yeyu told Lin Huang the real reason she was calling.

"What happened in Fog Canyon?" Lin Huang asked, doubtful.

"Many people died there recently, and they said it was done by a mutated sword slave. There were a groups of White Silver-level hunters attempting to kill the monster but they were all killed. Later on, many Gold-level hunters went in but none found the monster," Yi Yeyu explained.

"I didn't know about that, neither did I see such a monster," Lin Huang said with raised eyebrows.

"It's great that you're doing good," she said, with a concerned look on her face. Just when she was going to hang up the call, she recalled something, "Oh yea, something happened to the Fatty, the guy who was close to you. Since you just came back today, I guess you haven't heard about it."

"What happened?" Lin Huang was stunned. Although Fatty said he had something to do at home, he did not tell Lin Huang what exactly happened.

"His father was sick, and he passed away. As a friend of his, give him a call. That's all, I'm hanging up," Yi Yeyu said and hung up the phone right away.

"Fatty's father passed away?" Lin Huang frowned. He forgot about the residence permit in grade-A and grade-B footholds matter than he wanted to ask. After hesitating, Lin Huang called Fatty. Fatty only picked up awhile later, and he looked exhausted in the video.

"Are you okay, Fatty? I heard about what happened from Yi Yeyu," Lin Huang asked immediately.

"I'm good," Fatty forced a smile and shook his head.

"Where are you now? Baqi City?"

"No I'm at my hometown. We just buried my dad's body a few days back..." Fatty shook his head.

"I recalled uncle looked good the last time we saw him, how did he..." Lin Huang thought it was strange.

"He was exhausted. He didn't know when to rest, and he abused his body with work. His lost of Life Light was tens of times faster than ordinary people, but he didn't tell us about that. It was too late when we found out," Fatty said softly and he had tears in his eyes as he spoke.

"I have nothing on hand these few days, I will come and pay my respects," Lin Huang suggested.

"It's alright, the Regular Hunter assessment is starting soon in

December. Since you have stayed in Fog Canyon for so long, you must have levelled-up to a Bronze-level by now. You should prepare yourself. Too bad I can't be joining anymore. All the best to you. Do try to pass during the first assessment..." Fatty said as he knew that Lin Huang was joining the assessment.

"Alright then, don't think too much. Rest," Lin Huang said. He did not really know how to comfort Fatty, but tried what he knew to ease the pain. After he hung up, Lin Huang let out a sigh. Fatty's rather was just an ordinary person but he sacrificed most of his life to food just because of his passion. Although it was not right that he abused his body, his passion for food was admirable.

"Hopefully fatty would get back on his feet soon. If he inherited the passion and persistence with food from his father, he will definitely be an outstanding Food Hunter in the future..."

# Chapter 158: Did the Head Examiner Slip His Tongue?

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The first thing Lin Huang did after receiving the new Emperor's Heart Ring was register himself so he could participate in the Regular Hunter assessment. Time passed quickly and before he knew it, a week went by with Lin Huang spending most of his time resting. Besides that, he also practiced Army Attack Tactics for a couple of hours every day to keep his skills sharp. The training was not to upgrade his abilities but rather to avoid his body from getting lazy so he practiced every day to keep up his momentum.

It was half a month before the assessment would start and was almost time to depart. Lin Huang spoke to Lin Xin and Lin Xuan that night at dinner.

"I will head to foothold No.7B24 in two days to join the Regular Hunter Assessment. The assessment itself will take about one month and the journey back and forth would take more than 20 days. So, it looks like I'll be away for almost two months," he explained.

"Brother, will you be able to come back before the year end?" Lin Xin asked. She seemed really upset.

"That shouldn't be a problem. The Hunter Association would take that into consideration that as well. As soon as the assessment ends, I should have sufficient time to get back home," Lin Huang nodded.

"Lin Xuan, listen to your sister, tell her when you're hungry. Don't leave the house on your own. If you need to head out, follow your sister," Lin Huang said to Lin Xuan. Lin Xuan nodded.

"Xin Er, I have many monster carcasses with me, I'll transfer them to your storage space. Don't just eat meat like Lin Xuan does, get some vegetables and fruits as well. I'll transfer you some credit points..." Lin Huang then transferred the monster carcasses and credit points to Lin Xin as he said.

"Don't worry about spending the money, buy all the things that you need to buy..." he continued.

Lin Xin did not say a word and all she did was to nod. She knew that the Regular Hunter Assessment only happened twice a year. If Lin Huang missed this round, he would have to wait until June of next year. On the next day, Lin Huang headed to Baqi City after lunch and bid farewell to Lin Xin and Lin Xuan. He checked into a hotel at the central plaza of Baqi City. He stayed there to wait for the Demonic Crystal Spaceship which would depart the next morning.

After a nights rest in Baqi City, Lin Huang took the spaceship to foothold No.7B24 the next morning. The journey to the foothold would take 11 days and thankfully it was a smooth one. However, there were many passengers on the spaceship. Most of them look like they were hunters too, perhaps also participating in the assessment. On the 11th day at noon, the spaceship arrived at foothold No.7B24 in the north of Baqi City.

Foothold No.7B24 was also called Beixuan City. There were more

than 180 B-grade footholds in Division 7, and foothold No. 7B24 was one of the earliest ones to be established. It was huge, covering an area of more than 11,000 kilometers. The permanent residents numbered at 16 million people with a five million strong population of people who came in and out of the city. It was considered a crowded foothold compared to other B-grade footholds.

After he disembarked the spaceship, Lin Huang arrived at a hotel that was located nearby the Hunter Association. He had booked the hotel room before he departed. He then registered himself at the reception. It was three days before the assessment, and Lin Huang planned to adapt himself to the environment for the next couple of days. After a short rest in the hotel room, he started practicing Fatal Tactics .

It was a Rare close combat skill, utilizing most of the muscles and bones in his body. With every hit, Lin Huang could clearly feel like he was familiarizing himself with his own body. Now that his Army Attack Tactics was level-8, combining that with Fatal Tactics would heighten its strength. He had been practicing the skill for almost 20 days now... It was not clear if it was the effects of Army Attack Tactics or something else. Although he had only been practicing for a couple of hours every day, the rate he accumulated skill card pieces did not decrease.

On the next day, Lin Huang had accumulated 600 Fatal Tactics skill card pieces by the afternoon. A notification from Xiao Hei popped up.

"600 Fatal Tactics skill card pieces have been detected, would you

like to combine them into a Rare Skill Card - Fatal Tactics ?"

"Yes," Lin Huang replied. He did not expect he would be able to obtain a complete skill card before the assessment even started.

"Consuming Fatal Tactics skill card pieces x600"

"Congratulations, you have obtained a Rare Skill Card - Fatal Tactics "

Lin Huang looked at the new skill card immediately.

"Skill Card"

"Skill Name: Fatal Tactics"

"Rarity: Rare (Epic)"

"Type of Skill: Close combat skill"

"Skill Level: Unknown"

"Status: Available"

"Remarks: With the upgrade in strength from Army Attack Tactics being more than level-6, this skill is comparable with an Epic combat skill."

"Card Remarks: Not bad"

He could not help but to laugh when he saw the remarks. He did not expect his limited training to give him a close combat skill card that was comparable to an Epic card. Initially, he practiced the close combat skills without any expectations since he excelled in sword skills. He did not train to accumulate skill card pieces but to adapt and prepare himself for the assessment. That was why he only trained for a couple of hours and rested for the remainder of the day.

It was a great surprise that he managed to obtain a new skill card before the assessment started. As long as Army Attack Tactics was at level-6 or more, one could draw strength that was comparable with an Epic-level combat skill. Now that his Army Attack Tactics was already at level-8, his combat strength would be much more powerful. It was as if he had obtained an Epic combat skill out of the blue.

"That's great, I can just fight with my bare hands if I encounter any small monsters in the future. There's no need for me to bring out my sword all the time," Lin Huang laughed to himself.

On the third day in Beixuan City, Lin Huang woke up before seven in the morning. After breakfast, he headed straight to the Hunter Association. The official opening hours was 8 a.m. but it was not even 7:15 a.m. when Lin Huang arrived. Still, there were many people already waiting at the entrance. There were many scammers among the crowd, and they were selling assessment booklets. There were quite a number of people getting scammed by



these crooks.

One scammer came to Lin Huang and pointed at the project page in front of him and said, "Young man, we have the latest assessment booklet, it has the latest content of the assessment. Would you like to get one?"

"It's okay," Lin Huang shook his head. He had heard about such booklets before but it was his first time seeing them. However, he knew that the booklet had information from the past assessments that the scammers had put together. It was not related to the current assessment at all.

The Regular Hunter Assessment had different content every year, and it was impossible for the contents of the assessment to be leaked before the assessment started. The scammers were there to scam participants who did not know the rules. Seeing Lin Huang being so sure of himself, the scammer knew that Lin Huang had seen the assessment rules before this so he stopped bugging him. The scammer then left and began looking for other participants.

Many were scammed, and Lin Huang stood speechless as he watched. However, those who purchased the booklet must have had a lack of confidence in their own abilities and were not sure if they would pass the assessment. Some of them were just trying their luck so they bought the booklets anyway knowing that it would not help them in the assessment.

There were more and more people at the entrance, and more people were scammed. Lin Huang had no idea how much the booklet was sold for but looking at the number of people who

purchased them, he could tell that the scammers had made quite a large sum of credit points. There were at least 10,000 people at the entrance of the Hunter Association at 8 a.m.

Suddenly, the door opened and a tanned middle-aged man walked out. Everyone was silent as he walked out.

"My name is Xu Jinpeng, I am the head examiner for the preliminary assessment," the tanned man introduced himself. After a brief pause, he continued, "I would like to announce that the preliminary assessment has ended!"

Everyone was stunned by what he had just said, including Lin Huang. "Did the head examiner slip his tongue, maybe he meant 'started' instead of 'ended'?" Some people muttered in panic. Almost everyone present had the same thought rush through their minds.

"Now I'll announce the participants that have been disqualified..." The head examiner Xu Jinpeng began to read out names one by one, "Wang Xiaopeng, Zou He, Ye Haoxuan..."

"This is ridiculous!" A few of them voiced out after the first few names were called out. Xu Jinpeng looked up and proceeded to read off his list.

"I'm not buying this! If you're disqualifying me, you must give a reason that makes sense!" A guy from the back shouted. One of the scammers who was selling booklets suddenly appeared next to the tanned man and said in a loud voice, "From today onwards, the

names that were read out loud are blacklisted from the Hunter Association, and you won't be able to join any association within the next three years!"

The man then waved to the other two scammers and left. Many were confused at first but soon, they began to understand what was happening.

"They are Hunter Association staff who pretended to be scammers... That would mean that... The preliminary assessment was meant to disqualify the participants who purchased the booklets," Lin Huang concluded as he finally understood what had happened.

Almost half an hour, the head examiner Xu Jinpeng finally finished reading off the disqualification list. There were more than 1,100 people that were disqualified. Xu Jinpeng looked up and looked around. He then said, "I believe some of you know why these people were disqualified. The scammers who were selling the assessment booklets are our staff. Those who were disqualified were the ones who purchased the booklets."

"Firstly, we find that not reading the assessment rules before coming to the assessment is a grave negligence to the programme. Such people lack responsibility and don't care about the consequences since they're not even willing to perform the most basic due diligence. We, at the Hunter Association, are the complete opposite of that. No matter what the consequences may be, we'll do our best to complete the task at hand."

"Second, they knew that the information in the booklet is fake

but yet they purchased it anyway. This is equivalent to knowing that a piece of news is fake but yet they still try their luck and convince themselves to believe that it is real. Such people lack will, and are easily manipulated. We don't need people like this.

"These two reasons are the foundations of the preliminary assessment. If anyone disagrees with it, you are welcome to file your complaints," the man said casually with a nod. What Xu Jinpeng said made everyone speechless.

"Aside from those who were on the list, those who arrived after 8 a.m... Congratulations, you have been disqualified as well. He added, "I don't think you need me to tell you the reason."

"The rest made it into the first round of the assessment. You can now pass through the door behind me into the Hunter Association and join us for the the next round."

## Chapter 159: Tip: Weed

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The preliminary round of the assessment started silently and ended in silence with direct result announcements. Lin Huang now knew that the Hunter Association was quite unpredictable.

"It seems like I must treat this seriously or else I might be disqualified as well..." Lin Huang was finally getting serious about the assessment.

Due to the assessment, the Hunter Association was not opened for business. Lin Huang and the rest walked into the hall from the entrance, and it was empty. There was a short man standing at the information counter in the middle of the hall. The man was less than 1.7 meters, and he had a mustache. He was also wearing a black suit and tall hat with a black walking stick.

"My name is Zhuo Lin, the head examiner for the second round of assessment. First, I would like to congratulate all of you who got through this on the first try," he said to them. Zhuo Lin then looked at the people and raised an eyebrow, "I can't believe that there are still 10,000 people, Old Xu disappointed me... It seems like I'll have to decrease that number below 50% in this round..."

Although he said the last sentence in a whisper, all the participants heard him loud and clear. Everyone was getting anxious.

"Don't worry about what I said," Zhuo Lin stroked his mustache with a sinister look on his face. "Compared to the other head

examiners, I'm considered quite gentle. I've never liked violence."

"Isn't that even scarier..." Lin Huang thought to himself.

Many had puzzled looks on their faces. Apparently, they had the same thoughts as Lin Huang. However, some innocent participants were relieved because they believed what the head examiner said.

"The content of assessment that I have prepared is very gentle," Zhuo Lin proceeded. After a quick look around, he said, "It's very simple. We're doing a treasure hunt."

"Hunting for treasures is a basic skill hunters should possess, and it is not limited to Treasure Hunters only. Normal hunters should possess detective and searching skills for items and people. Through this process, many of your abilities will be upgraded and strengthened. This is why we are doing a treasure hunt."

Everyone opened their eyes wide so that they did not miss anything important.

"This is what I want all of you to find," Zhuo Lin said loudly. He then took out a black crystal from his storage space and held it up high.

It was a black crystal size of a thumb and it seemed muddy. It also did not look like a valuable crystal. However, many frowned at its size. An item that was the size of a thumb would be hard to find even if it was placed in a common home. It would take a lot of time

to look for it.

"Since we have too many people here and we have limited time, I won't be passing this around. Come closer to look, do not touch it with your hands. You're only allowed to look with your eyes." As Zhuo Lin instructed the participants, he took out a jewelry stand and placed it on the stand. He then stood aside. Many rushed to the stand to observe it immediately.

Lin Huang did not move forward. From where he stood, he activated Boundless Vision to observe from a distance. He could see clearly as if it were in front of his face. The black crystal did not look like a mineral crystal, and it did not have the structure of a crystal as well. It seemed more like an amber resin or plastic. Of course, Lin Huang could not be sure about the information as nobody was allowed to touch it. Half an hour later, all the people had seen it at a close distance. When they were not many people around, Lin Huang stood closer and observed the crystal with Boundless Vision . He did not see anything new.

"Alright, since you guys have observed it, you should know what it is by now," Zhuo Lin kept the item. "Now, I'm to tell you what the mission objective is."

The crowded hall suddenly became silent as everyone was afraid that they would miss an important bit of information. They stared at Zhuo Lin without blinking. After all, many of the head examiners in the Hunter Association had the bad habit of not repeating anything they said. If they missed anything, they might not get actual information without risk of being sabotaged if they were to ask other participants.

"The mission is simple. Find the black crystal that I showed you," Zhuo Lin smirked while he looked at the anxious faces of the participants'. He seemed to be enjoying himself.

"The test field includes the entire area of Beixuan City. The item is located inside the city, and don't waste your time looking for it outside the city. I have placed 5,000 pieces of this crystal within the city. As there are more than 11,000 of you who passed the first round of assessment, more than half of you here will be disqualified."

"The assessment time will be 48 hours. Within 48 hours, you will pass the assessment if you come to me with the black crystal that is exactly the same as the one I showed you."

"I will be waiting in this hall for the next 48 hours. As soon as you find the item, you can pass it to me at any time you want. Even if it is in the middle of the night, just come to me. Don't worry about my sleep," he explained.

Zhuo Lin finally told them all the details of the second round of assessment. Many of them were frowning when they heard this. To find a crystal that was the size of a thumb in a B-grade foothold was like looking for a needle in a haystack. It was more difficult as they would now have to complete it within 48 hours.

"There's something that I must emphasize. The 5,000 pieces of black crystals have my personal markings etched on them. So if you would like to replicate your own, I'm advising you not to do it.



If I find out that any of the crystals do not belong to me, you will be blacklisted and will not be able to join any hunter assessments for the next three years," Zhuo Lin warned.

"Sir, can't you give us a tip? Otherwise, wouldn't this all be based on our luck?" A female participant asked. Many of them wanted to ask the same question but none of them had the courage to ask. All of them then looked at Zhuo Lin.

"Of course there's a tip, and it's simple - Weed," Zhuo Lin said cheerfully. He then looked at the time and said, "It's 8:51 a.m. now, let's round it up at 9 a.m. Within 48 hours, which is before 9 a.m. the day after tomorrow, those who manage to get the crystal into my hand will pass this round of assessment."

"I have given you all the information you need. If you have other questions, solve it yourself. Now, I shall announce the official start of the second assessment!"

All 11,000 participants rushed out of the Hunter Association as Zhuo Lin spoke. After everyone had left, the head examiner of the first assessment walked into the hall.

"That's quite a crowd, what kind of mission did you give them? They seemed to be rushing," Xu Jinpeng asked while smiling.

"Weed," Zhuo Lin laughed as he said.

"Oh no, why did you do that. What if none of them passed the

assessment?" Xu Jinpeng asked. He was shocked and sympathetic to the candidates because knew what Zhuo Lin meant by weed.

"We won't have any new members this year then," Zhuo Lin laughed again.

# Chapter 160: Weed Technology ?

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The tip for the second assessment was 'Weed'. Many of them rushed to the areas with weeds after they headed out of the Hunter Association. After all, they were only given 48 hours and based on their numbers, slots in the next round of the assessment were limited to whoever found a black crystal. The mission was simple, whichever candidate managed to find a crystal they would pass the assessment.

For the past couple of hours, many residents saw peculiar scenes of people looking for stuff in the weeds. Many young people were engrossed in the hunt for the crystals in the weeds. They did not only look for it in public areas, but many invaded private properties too. Usually, digging up the weeds would be a good thing but once they found out that the black crystal was not where they were looking, they would leave a mess behind. Many of the government cleaning staff were angered by their behavior.

Some people took videos and uploaded them to the network with the rumors that there were treasures in Beixuan City and some unknown organization was looking for the treasures. Many saw and believed in the rumor and joined the treasure hunt as well. The city was suddenly crowded with people. However, some of the participants did not dig out the weeds around them.

Once the mission was out, Lin Huang knew that it would not be that simple. The tip, 'Weed' was definitely the weeds growing on the land around them but if that was the case, there would be no meaning to the assessment. There were 5,000 pieces of black crystals around, as long as they head out and searched the area, the probability of finding it was quite high. However, such digging did

not require any detective skills.

As he watched the rest running around the place, Lin Huang browsed through the Heart Network searching for any information with the keyword 'Weed'. He wanted to know if there was another meaning to this word. However, he did not find any unique definition of the word after browsing through a couple of pages. He frowned and entered the keywords 'Beixuan City' and 'Weed' as he wanted to see if there was any relation between the two keywords. To his dismay, all he saw were rumors about treasure in the city that were uploaded by the people.

Lin Huang shook his head. As he proceeded to browse through the network, one bit of news caught his attention.

"Weed Technology in Beixuan City, a company specializing in the development of cleaning utensils..."

"Weed Technology?" Lin Huang raised an eyebrow as he looked up the company. He did not find much information about the company after doing some searching. It was a small company with less than 20 people. It developed a variety of cleaning agents and tools, and they did not even have their own factory. That was all that he managed to find on the network.

"Seems like I'll have to do a site inspection," Lin Huang smirked. It was 9:40 a.m. when Lin Huang appeared at the entrance of the Weed Technology site with his features hidden so he would not raise any suspicions. He now looked like a middle-aged man in his 40s, and he looked serious with an 80% similarity to Xu Jinpeng, the head examiner of the preliminary assessment. With his clean

black suit, he looked intimidating.

The security guard of the company was an old uncle, and he did not hesitate when he saw Lin Huang. The old man got up and said, "May I know who you are?"

"I'm from the Reviews Board, and I would like to see your boss."

The Reviews Board in this world was similar to Audit Board on Earth. However, the jurisdiction of the Reviews Board was wider. Aside from accounts, they also looked into product safety, waste pollution and so on. Most of the companies were very respectful to people like the staff of the Review Board.

"Hold on please," the security guard said as he dialed a number to the reception. After the call was hung up, the door opened. Lin Huang walked in with confidence. Since he was on the Review Board, the security guard did not dare to check his ID as he did not want to offend Lin Huang. Just when he stepped into a door, he was welcomed by a lady in his 30s.

"Hi, I am Bai. I am the boss' secretary. May I know how I should address you?"

"By my surname, Xu," Lin Huang used the head examiner's surname as well.

"Mr. Xu, our company has undergone a review two months ago. Since you are here, was there a problem with the first review?"

Secretary Bai asked doubtfully.

"It's the end of the year and we do spot checks. We randomly decided to review your company. Don't worry, just bring me to your boss," Lin Huang replied firmly with a short answer, as a Review Board member would.

"As our company hasn't been busy these past few days, my boss is usually late to the office. Please take a seat in the meeting room, I will get him here as soon as possible." Secretary Bai escorted Lin Huang to the meeting room and left after serving him some tea.

While he relaxed in the meeting room with the tea, Lin Huang thought about what he would do when the boss was here. 10 minutes later, a plump middle-aged man opened the door to the meeting room, sweating profusely.

"I'm sorry to keep you waiting, please follow me to my office."

Lin Huang nodded and followed the man to his office on the second floor. He sat on the couch before the man, without so much as a request.

Secretary Bai placed a cup of tea on the table and left, closing the door behind her.

"Erm, Mr. Xu, may I know what this review is about?" The plump boss looked at Lin Huang while wiping away his sweat.

Lin Huang smirked as a mask was being made on his hand with Mask - Control . He then placed the mask on his face, and he now had the boss' face over his own. The man was in shock.

"Tell me your name," Lin Huang asked his first question.

"Zhang Peng," The boss answered without hesitating.

"What's your family like?" Lin Huang asked.

"I'm divorced with two kids. My son is 11 and my daughter is eight," Zhang Peng did not stutter or put up a fight.

"What's your relationship with Mrs. Bai, your secretary?"

"We are secretly a couple, and she has a husband," Zhang Peng answered honestly.

After asking two personal questions, Lin Huang confirmed that he had full control of Zhang Peng. He then asked what he really wanted to ask.

"Where can I find the black crystal in your company?" Lin Huang showed him the image that he took of the crystal earlier.

Zhang Peng looked at the image and shook his head, "I've never seen such thing."

Lin Huang frowned as he heard Zhang Peng's answer.

"He's the boss but he doesn't know about it, maybe he's not related to the 'Weed' that the head examiner was talking about?" Lin Huang thought.

He then proceeded to ask a couple of questions that were related to the crystal but Zhang Peng could not answer him. It seemed like he completely had no idea what that black crystal was.

"If he has no idea, could it be related to his staff?" Lin Huang questioned himself but he refused to give in. After some thinking, he summoned the Demonic Dandelion Vine. The shrunk Demonic Dandelion Vine looked like a bloody baby snake wrapped around Lin Huang's left arm.

"Infect all the staff in this company with parasites and get them to bring me the black crystal," Lin Huang instructed the Demonic Dandelion Vine.

Soon, a purple flower grew out of the vine and more than 10 leech pods were spread onto the targets' bodies. Lin Huang then noticed that all of them standing up from their seats and wandered around aimlessly. The hosts had lost their purpose. If any of them knew about the black crystal, they would not look like that.

"Alright, release the hosts." After observing the scene, Lin Huang was sure that this company had nothing to do with his assessment. The word 'Weed' in the company name could have just been a coincidence. He walked to the window, and while he was



considering whether he should remove the mask before leaving, Secretary Bai knocked on the door.

"Boss, there's somebody here for you. He said he's from the Review Board as well..." As she said the words, she looked at Lin Huang curiously. All she could see was the back of his head.

Through the window, Lin Huang could see the person who was stopped by the security guard. It was a familiar face.

"Bai Yan?" Didn't he become a Copper Hunter straightaway with his special pass? Why did he join the assessment again?" Lin Huang raised his eyebrow with his lips slightly parted.

Meanwhile, Zhang Peng who was sitting at the table spoke, "Tell him that I'm busy today, I don't have the time to see him. Ask him to come some other day."

Secretary Bai was stunned but she left anyway. Soon, Bai Yan left unwillingly after the security guard told him to.

Lin Huang then walked to Zhang Peng and said, "You'll feel sleepy now and you'll want to fall asleep. You'll fall into a deep sleep in 10 seconds. When you wake up, you'll only remember that the people from the Review Board had completed the review and you will forget the rest..."

Awhile later, Zhang Peng fell asleep on the table. It was the first time Lin Huang found out how powerful the mask was. Not only

could it control one's behavior, it could even alter one's memory and the alteration was non-reversible even if the user lost control. After removing the mask, Lin Huang left Zhang Peng's office.

When he got to the first floor, Secretary Bai approached him immediately, "How was it, Mr. Xu?"

"The review has been done. There's no issue, I shall be making a move now," Lin Huang nodded.

"The man earlier said he was from the Review Board as well, is he your colleague?" Secretary Bai could not help but ask.

"How is it possible that a Reviews Board staff member is less than 20 years old? It's obvious, didn't you notice?" Lin Huang asked her back, "Next time if you see anyone who says they are from the Review Board, don't forget to check their ID. If it's fake, call us and report it."

Lin Huang left as soon as he finished speaking. Secretary Bai was confused. She then recalled that she did not check Lin Huang's ID...

# Chapter 161: A Complimentary Piece of Information

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While most people were still digging in the weeds, some of them figured out the existence of the Weed Technology company. Lin Huang had done the investigation and confirmed that the company had nothing to do with the assessment.

"Weed, what does that mean?" Lin Huang was back at square one, trying to figure out the clue as he left the company. He then browsed through the Hunter Forum with his Copper Hunter permit. He used the keywords 'weed', 'Beixuan City' and 'Foothold No.7B24'.

After browsing for awhile, he could not find anything useful.

"There's nothing on the Hunter Forum..." Lin Huang frowned as he felt that he arrived at a dead end.

"If I was a real hunter, what would I do if I wasn't able to find the information that I'm looking for on the Hunter Forum and network..." Lin Huang mumbled to himself as he attempted to change his point of view, hoping that he would figure out something from a different perspective.

Just as he said that, he stopped walking all of a sudden. He lifted his head and said to himself, "I'm sure there are other ways to look for some information, and perhaps through ways that are illegal!" Lin Huang opened up a complete map of Beixuan City with his Emperor's Heart Ring immediately and got the location of the

black market. He walked into an alley without surveillance cameras and altered his features to become Scarface. He wore his black suit with a gray coat on top before he walked out of the alley.

He got himself a car and headed to the black market. An hour later, he arrived at the area. After paying an entrance fee, he walked straight onto a street. Lin Huang had learned ways of identifying the location of a black market, who he should look for when he needed certain items and how should he should behave in a black market from his time at the Purple Crow training camp.

He placed his hands in his pockets and walked the street without an expression. The street was quiet, and he attracted quite some attention with his presence. However, nobody wanted to mess with him as he had Scarface's features on his face. Soon, Lin Huang found a bar and as he walked in, he noticed everyone's gazes fall on him as he attracted attention in the bar with his attire.

He ignored them and walked to the bench in front of the bar and took a seat. He knocked three times with his index finger on the bar counter and said to the bartender, "Give me a glass of Black Letter." The bartender was a tall, skinny young man. He looked at Lin Huang and gave him a pitch black drink awhile later. Lin Huang smirked as he lifted up the glass. He looked at the numbers that were engraved at the bottom of the glass.

‘B-012’. Lin Huang left to the cellar with his glass. Arriving at the entrance of Room B-012, Lin Huang noticed that the light inside was green. He walked straight into the room and it looked like an office - spotless. Behind the mahogany table was a middle-aged man with black framed glasses who then said to him, "Sit."

Lin Huang took off his coat and hung it on the stand by the door and took a seat at the table. He placed the glass on the table and faced the room number engraved at the bottom of the glasses at the man. The man looked at the glass and smiled, "What would you like to know?"

"Simple. Weed." Lin Huang said what he was here for.

"Weed?" The man seemed surprised when he heard the word but soon he composed himself and continued, "What would you like to know about weed?"

"Everything," Lin Huang said and added. "Especially its relation to Beixuan City."

"I understand, give me a moment." The man projected a couple of pages before himself. However, the pages were opaque and the side facing Lin Huang was black. Lin Huang could not see a thing.

Awhile later, the man nodded to Lin Huang, "It will cost 18 billion credit points."

"That's not cheap, are you sure that the information is worth this much?" Lin Huang looked at the man without an expression.

"Don't worry, it is definitely worth the price you're paying," the man replied with a smile.

"Sure," Lin Huang nodded.

"Please transfer your credit points to the trading chip," the man then handed him a green chip that was the size of a thumb. The purpose of the trading chip was to avoid personal details of either party from being leaked elsewhere. The buyer would transfer his credit points to the trading chip and the seller would retrieve the credit points to his own account. With that, nobody would know the account details of the opposite party. Moreover, such trading chips could not save personal details because once the scan was complete and the credit points were transferred, account details would be automatically be deleted. There would not be an issue like personal information being leaked. Compared to the anonymous transactions with Emperor's Heart Rings, such trading chips were much safer.

Lin Huang took the chip, transferred 18 billion credit points into it and handed it back to the man. The man placed the chip aside and brought out a black chip. He then scanned his Emperor's Heart Ring on the black chip and transferred it the information that Lin Huang asked for. Soon, the transfer was complete. All the pages were closed, the man then passed Lin Huang the black chip.

"Everything you want is on this chip."

Lin Huang nodded and took the black chip from the man. He stood up and attempted to leave after putting on his coat. Suddenly, the man spoke again, "I'll give you a complimentary piece of information."

Lin Huang stopped in his step.

"Somebody came here about an hour before you did, the person asked about something similar. The person did not look too friendly, you might want to be careful," he warned.

"Thanks!" Lin Huang said but did not turn around. He walked out right after he thanked the man. He left the bar and left of the black market with a heavy heart.

"I arrived here at around 11 a.m., the person was an hour earlier than me, which means he was here at around 10 a.m. The assessment started at 9 a.m., it would take an hour riding on the car from the Hunter Association. This would mean that the person came here directly after leaving the Hunter Association. The person did not even go to the Weed Technology company."

"Someone who would come to a black market in search of information might be someone from the underground..." Lin Huang thought. It was not the first time the underground placed spies in the Hunter Association. Of course, Lin Huang was not 100% sure of that. The person could have just been really smart and looked passed the details that Lin Huang did not see and came straight to the black market without going to the Weed Technology company.

# Chapter 162: Ponytail

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After leaving the black market, Lin Huang took out the black chip he had bought when he was sure he was at a safe place. He then scanned the information with his Emperor's Heart Ring. With that, he finally knew what 'weed' meant. Weed was an advanced drug named ZC. People in the industry would call it 'weed' and outsiders were unaware of such a name.

The drug was in the form of a black crystal and had no unique smell to it. However, those available to be purchased on the market were processed and was in the form of a powder instead of a crystal. The main contents of the drug were unknown. However, it caused intense hallucinogenic effects which reciprocated with one's Life Power, making it more powerful than usual drugs.

It was called an advanced drug as it was only consumed by people who had full control of their Life Power. For common people, they would die if they consumed even one gram of the drug. Even those who had full control of their Life Power would need to be careful with the addictive nature of the drug as it would cause severe damage to their brain and organs. If people on iron-level were to take the drug more than three times, the damage caused to the body would be irreversible. There would be a high possibility of organ failure which would then lead to death or severe brain damage. Even for those who had higher combat strength or defensive abilities would be addicted as soon as they took it more than twice and there would be no way for them to quit the drug. Left unattended, these people would eventually die.

Lin Huang looked at an image of the complete crystal. It looked exactly the same as the one that the head examiner showed them



earlier.

"So the head examiner was talking about this drug..." He suddenly realized that the assessment was not as simple as he expected. He then proceeded to read about 'weed'. Aside from the introduction to the drug, there were many cases of deaths that were caused by the drug which included the deaths of some gold-level members. Their deaths were devastating.

Lin Huang frowned as he finished reading all the cases. He was not frowning because of the disgusting images and videos of the cases. Instead, he felt that the value of the information was not worth the price he had paid. However, he found the information that he wanted when he reached the end of the list of cases.

The creator of weed was a pharmaceutical lecturer at a hunter college. After resigning from the college, he managed to create an empire of his own within a couple of years. His empire was called Hiesen Castle, and one of its division was located in Beixian City. The information that Lin Huang bought from the black market had complete details about the castle and the personal information of the pharmacist, the information of his empire seemed to be complete.

"No wonder this piece of information is so expensive, there were three transcendents who endorsed this Hiesen Castle. It was comparable to the more common royal families. The division alone had two gold-level guardians and more than 30 silver-level people in it..." Lin Huang finally realized how valuable this information was.

"The weed available on the market is in powder form, it seems like the only place I will be able to get the crystal form of the drug is from Heisen Castle. That would mean, to be able to pass the assessment, the only way is to steal it from Heisen Castle. However, looking at the number of guardians they have, it's not easy." Looking at the difficulty of the assessment, Lin Huang thought in his mind that he would be able to count the number of participants who would be able to pass the assessment.

"As expected, we were being tested on our ability to source for information but obtaining the drug is an odd requirement as the task itself is way too complex," Lin Huang frowned, "This is quite impossible to be achieved alone by most of the bronze-level participants unless it's a group effort... Could this assessment be testing our ability to work together?" Lin Huang suddenly thought of a possibility.

After spending some time thinking and considering the possible intentions of the examiners, Lin Huang shook his head and put the idea aside. He summoned his Alexandrian Eagle and headed to Heisen Castle. There were many people who owned flying mounts in B-grade footholds. Although an Alexandrian Eagle was rare, it did not attract much attention. Within a couple of minutes, Lin Huang arrived near Heisen Castle.

He landed on the branch of a big tree and recalled the Alexandrian Eagle. He then leaped into the air and his body shot down to the ground like an arrow. As he got closer to the ground, he diverted his drop to the branches close by. To reduce his momentum, he caught hold of a branch and started swinging from branch to branch. Around 10 minutes later, he stopped swinging and leaped onto a branch as he realized that he was at a dead end.

Before him was an ancient castle and it looked like it had been around for a long time. There was a huge red metal door in the middle of the castle walls, with two security towers on each side. Lin Huang could see there were guards walking around the security towers. Upon closer observation, he saw a Warning Bug sitting on top of each tower.

A Warning Bug was an insect that was very sensitive to the environment surrounding it. It had incredible vision and as soon as it noticed unfamiliar creatures entering the area it was protecting, the insect would emit a loud chirp that sounded like a siren. After a certain amount of training, an insect like this could be used as a perimeter alarm. If Lin Huang had not used Boundless Vision before sneaking in, he might not have noticed the presence of the two warning bugs.

The rock wall surrounding the castle was more than 30 meters high. It would not have been easy to leap over that height, even for a gold-level hunter. Lin Huang ducked low on a branch and hid behind a thicket of leaves. He watched the castle through the gaps. It would not have been difficult for him to sneak into the castle as soon as he transformed himself into Specter. However, it would have been more dangerous to reveal himself during the day so he decided to carry out his mission at night.

Just when Lin Huang was planning to get some rest, he felt someone was watching him. He quickly turned around and shouted, "Who's there?"

Suddenly, a girl dropped from a tree not far away from him. She looked like she was about 15 or 16. Her hair had gold highlights

which she tied up in a ponytail. She wore a pink long-sleeved t-shirt and a pair of jeans. She smiled and sighed. She then raised her arms in submission and said, "Alright, you found me."

She looked like one of the participants of the assessment. Although she seemed harmless, Lin Huang did not let his guard down. Since she was here before him, it meant she was the person who was at the black market an hour earlier than he was. She could be one of the members of the underworld.

"Who are you?" Lin Huang asked to confirm what he already knew.

"I am just like you, of course, just one of the participants in this assessment. Who else would you think I am?" The girl in the ponytail said as she approached Lin Huang as she stepped over a few branches to close the gap between them. She stopped when she was on a branch right across him.

"How did you find out about this place?" Lin Huang asked.

"From the black market of course. Aren't you here for the same reason? How else would anyone know what 'Weed' meant?" The girl in ponytail rolled her eyes and continued, "Since you got the information from the black market, then you should know that there are two gold-level guardians and more than 30 silver-level guardians in this castle. It won't work if we just barge in. Would you like to work together?"

"You arrived 40 minutes after me. Although you're obviously

dumber than me, I'll say that you're not as bad, compared to those idiots who are digging in the weeds. It would be a wise choice that'll work in your favor if you teamed up with me," the girl in ponytail said as she looked at Lin Huang. He did not say a word in reply her suggestion which annoyed her. Frustrated, she said again, "Hey, this is the first time I've taken the initiative to invite someone to join my team, what does your silence mean?"

"How do we work together?" Lin Huang was not interested in working together as he already had the ability to sneak out the item on his own. However, if the girl proceeded to pester him, it might affect his plan later that night.

"It's simple, I will sneak in and get the item while you distract them. As soon as I'm out with the item, we will meet again. You will get 30% while I get 70% for the weeds." The girl in a ponytail was out of her own mind, he thought. "70% of 5,000 pieces of crystals would be 3,500 pieces. I keep one to myself and sell the rest at 100 Life Crystals each, I would make 350,000 Life Crystals from that..."

"Have fun." Lin Huang said and turned around in an attempt to leave.

"Hey! then what do you have in mind?" The girl in ponytail shouted at him.

"Change it up. I'll go in while you distract them, you get 30% and I'll get 70%." Lin Huang turned around and countered her offer with a smile.

"I'm a girl, and you're using me to distract them? Do I get only 30%? If you were in my position, would you really want that?" The girl in ponytail said in anger.

"Of course I won't mind if I'm in your position," Lin Huang smirked.

"You bully!" The girl in ponytail stomped her feet. Leaves rained down as the tree shook wildly. Lin Huang checked to see if their cover was blown. The sentries on the towers seem unphased by the disturbance.

"To each, his and her own then. Bye!" Lin Huang said and leaped up high, away from the girl.

"Damn, you'll pay for this!" The girl shouted after him, furiously.

After getting rid of the girl in the ponytail, Lin Huang sat down on a branch while waiting for the night to come. What he did not know was after he left, the girl in ponytail summoned a white wolf with a Monster Taming Token and headed to the Hunter Association...

# Chapter 163: Trouble is Here

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A crowd gathered at the entrance of the Hunter Association looking at a piece of white paper on the right side of the door. A girl in ponytail stood outside the crowd and smirked.

"Lin Huang, it took me quite awhile to find your name on the list. How dare you decline my offer to work together. Now, you'll have to pay the price!"

The piece of white paper on the right side of the door had a bunch of words written in a graceful handwriting. The handwriting wrote, "The weed that was mentioned in the assessment tip is an advanced drug called ZC. All of you can find a portion of the information about the drug on the Heart Network. Such a drug is only available in a powder form on the market and only the manufacturer has the black crystal, its crystal form. The empire that manufactures the drug is called Heisen Castle, a strong empire endorsed by three transcendents. There's a division of in Beixian City. The division is located in a jungle in the south of the city. It's in a castle and you can find the exact location on the map.

However, Heisen Castle was invaded by one of the participants. His name is Lin Huang, he had stolen all the drugs. He told me that if any of you wants to pass the assessment, you would have to purchase the drug from him at 1,000 Life Crystals each..."

A picture of Lin Huang taken during the registration was attached at the bottom of the handwriting, it was enlarged to the size of the paper.

"How dare he ask for 1,000 Life Crystals from each of us! There are a total of 5,000 weed crystals, wouldn't he be making five million from that?!"

"This is too much!"

"We can still considering paying him if the price is reasonable, but the price he is asking is just ridiculous!"

Many were furious when they read what had been written on the piece of paper. Some of them began to browse the Heart Network to see if the news was true. Soon, they found an image of the ZC crystal and confirmed that it was exactly the same one that was shown to them by the head examiner earlier. They also found some information about Heisen Castle and confirmed that they were the manufacturer of the drug.

Since the information shown on the network was true, many began to believe that Lin Huang really did steal the drugs. An uproar broke out within the crowd and they asked to see Lin Huang. Since the writing on the paper revealed Lin Huang's location - a jungle south of the city, many headed to the jungle via the monster car. They wanted to get Lin Huang to give them the weed crystals.

"Lin Huang? Isn't that the kid who was not even iron-level? If that's really him, I'll teach him a lesson!" Bai Yan who was wearing a red coat frowned as he read the messages on the paper. He remembered seeing Lin Huang a couple of months ago, the Imperial Censor who was finding fault with him. Because of Lin Huang, he was accused of being a coward on the Heart Network.



After mumbling to himself, Bai Yan summoned a Crimson Eagle and headed to the jungle in the south while the rest was admiring him. The girl in ponytail disappeared too. Lin Huang who was in the jungle in the south of Beixuan City was not aware of the events that had happened at the Hunter Association.

It was almost noon, he was relaxing while eating snacks that he bought online while waiting for the night to come patiently. Suddenly, he heard flapping above his head. Lin Huang then activated Boundless Vision as he looked up.

"A Crimson Eagle?!" Lin Huang recognized the Crimson Eagle immediately as the one he saw when he bumped into Bai Yan, the eagle was now a silver-level.

"Bai Yan had found this place too?"

Lin Huang found it strange, he did not expect Bai Yan to find this place that quick as he had only been here for less than half an hour. Theoretically, it should take quite some time for Bai Yan to get information on the drug.

"Come out, Lin Huang!" Bai Yan shouted from the sky. Fortunately, there was quite a distance between him and the ancient castle. Lin Huang was worried that the girl in the ponytail would look for him again, which was why he went two to three kilometers into the jungle. Otherwise, the people in the ancient castle would definitely hear Bai Yan.

"He's here for me?" Lin Huang frowned. He did not expect Bai Yan to come for him instead of the castle.

"Bai Yan, are you crazy?!" Lin Huang stood up from the branch and glared at Bai Yan who was flying in the air. Bai Yan patted his Crimson Eagle as it landed slowly on the ground. He then recalled the Crimson Eagle and looked at Lin Huang who was on a branch, "Lin Huang, I can't believe it's really you. Because of you, I was criticized by the netizens that called me a coward for running away. I will teach you a lesson today and take a video of this. I shall show everyone who is the real coward!"

"You're crazy! Maybe you're just a lunatic." Lin Huang stared at Bai Yan from above, "So you're here for me just because people are calling you a coward? Did I accept any interview requests from the media and badmouth you?"

"You..." Bai Yan did not know how to react to Lin Huang's reply. He then recalled that it was two other people who revealed what had happened to the media and not Lin Huang. Lin Huang did not participate in any interviews by any media, nor did he badmouth Bai Yan. He had no comeback for Lin Huang's reply.

"However, I think what they said was right because you really are a coward!" Lin Huang proceeded to reply when he saw Bai Yan unable to reply.

"Damn it!" Bai Yan hated being called a coward.

"Since you don't have a comeback for me. Would you like to fight

me instead?" Lin Huang laughed, "Now that I think about it, why did you choose to run away the other day? Were you really scared that you would die? Aren't they right to call you a coward?"

Veins were bulging on Bai Yan's forehead because he did not have anything to rebut Lin Huang with.

"Also, the time you ran away was not the only proof of you being a coward." Lin Huang smirked.

"What do you mean by that?! Lin Huang, if we don't talk things out today, I'll kill you. I don't care if I'm blacklisted by the Hunter Association, I'll kill you!!!" Bai Yan was so furious that he was shaking.

"Alright then. Since you want to know, I'll tell you." Lin Huang was proud.

"Half a year ago, you were given the priority to join the association as a hunter, there was no need for you to join the Reserve Hunter assessment like everybody else did. However, you decided to join anyway. As for the reason you joined? Perhaps it was really like what you said. You wanted to test where your ability stands. That's not it! You just wanted to show off that you were more powerful than the rest of us.

"Right now, you've joined the Regular Hunter assessment with the same purpose - to show off that you're more powerful than all of us."

"What's wrong with that?! I really am more powerful than all of you. What gives you the right to call me a coward?" Bai Yan still had no idea what Lin Huang really wanted to say.

"Have you realized that you've been comparing yourself to people who are weaker than you? You enjoy showing off your strength before the weak to make yourself feel content. That's the reason why you've been participating in assessments unnecessarily."

"If I were you, I would spend the time you took to participate in assessments in my training so I can strengthen myself instead of wasting my time on unnecessary assessments."

"Real power comes when one is brave enough to face the risk before them. They are those who dare to challenge someone who is more powerful than them to break through their personal barriers... Unlike you, who have already placed yourself in your comfort zone while you show off to people who are weaker so you feel superior."

"You're afraid to challenge people who are more powerful than you. This is why you've been joining unnecessary assessments again and again instead of challenging those who're on the same level with you or those who're stronger such as Copper Hunters. You're afraid that you will lose so you put all your attention in winning your fights with the weak."

"Tell me, are you not a coward for your fear of a real challenge?!"  
What Lin Huang said made Bai Yan speechless.

Bai Yan did not realize that he had such issue himself, all he knew was that he loved surprising the weak. He had never looked at this issue on a deeper level. What Lin Huang said had made him realize his real fear - avoiding real challenges. He had nothing to say.

Bai Yan was furious. Although what Lin Huang said was right, his pride could not take it. He did not want to admit that Lin Huang was right. The bronze-level ring on his hand transformed into a spear. He pointed the spear at Lin Huang who stood on the branch, "Lin Huang, we shall forget about everything that has happened between us after this battle. I won't be looking for trouble with you anymore. To prevent you from a humiliating defeat, I won't summon any of my monsters. Please try to ... Withstand my attacks without losing too fast since the difference of ability between your mouth and your actual combat abilities is like the distance between heaven and earth."

Lin Huang smirked when he heard what Bai Yan said. The bronze-level ring on his hand transformed into a sword. He then leaped from the branch and dove towards Bai Yan like an eagle attacking a rabbit. A red flash flashed through the air like a meteor in the night sky, so fast that Bai Yan was shocked. He managed to avoid the slash just as Lin Huang dove towards him.

"Such speed..." Bai Yan exclaimed. The spear on his hand was sliced into half by the slash and there was a light stain of blood on his neck. Feeling pain from his wound, he touched his neck and saw the blood on his finger, realizing that he was wounded. He was in total shock, "How did this happen? Why are you so powerful?" It finally dawned upon Bai Yan that Lin Huang could kill him with that slash. Another centimeter deeper and his neck would have definitely got cut off.

"This is what I've achieved during the past six months. While you wasted your time on useless things like this, I have been strengthening myself." Lin Huang explained.

"It was you who said that we will forget whatever things that had happened between us once this battle ended. I hope you'll keep your promise and stop bugging me." Lin Huang said and walked away.

"Wait!" Bai Yan shouted and stopped Lin Huang from leaving.

## Chapter 164: Lin Huang The Actor

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Lin Huang frowned as he heard Bai Yan speaking behind him. The reason he did not kill Bai Yan was that nobody was allowed to kill any of the participants during the assessment or else they would be blacklisted. However, if Bai Yan disturbed him again, he thought about killing Bai Yan in an untraceable way.

"Is there anything else that you'd like to say?" Lin Huang stopped walking and asked in an unfriendly manner.

"I just want to warn you that the news of you stealing all the drugs from the Heisen Castle has been leaked. Many of the participants are on their way here to get the drugs from you." Bai Yan reminded him.

"I stole the drugs from the castle?" Where did you hear this from?" Lin Huang was speechless.

"Somebody posted a note on the entrance of the Hunter Association, I heard it was done by a girl." Looking at Lin Huang's reaction, Bai Yan began doubting the news that he read.

"That b\*tch!" Lin Huang knew what happened when he heard it was done by a girl. The only person he knew that he had met was the blond girl with a ponytail. He then asked Bai Yan, "How many people knew about this?"

"Everyone should know about this." Bai Yan said and could not help but to ask, "Is this not true?"

"Of course it isn't! I haven't even stolen them yet!" Lin Huang shouted.

After Bai Yan left, Lin Huang knew that it was not the end. He did not expect the girl would do something like this.

"Crazy b\*itch, what was she thinking? We only have a total of 48 hours, if she misled everyone like that, they would waste most of their time on me. Although she could get in my way, there's no benefit for her if she did something like this. Moreover, if more people were in this jungle, it would be difficult for me to obtain the drug if the people in castle noticed the crowd." Lin Huang could not understand why the girl would do this. If it was merely because he rejected her offer to team up with him, it would be quite childish.

About 20 minutes later, a crowd rushed into the jungle south of Beixuan City. They have been deceived by the girl in the ponytail, having come here for Lin Huang. However, Lin Huang had used a Specific Transformation Card and transformed himself into the Specter and went underground to head to the castle. As there would be an uproar when the crowd arrived, Lin Huang was forced to start his mission earlier than he had planned.

Lin Huang passed through the entrance underground the castle. There was a roofless courtyard inside the castle and the main hall was further in. When he arrived on the first floor, Lin Huang went into the wall and strolled around the entire floor. Aside from a couple of silver-level humans on watch duty, there was nothing else.



Then, he went to the second floor by going through the ceiling and found nothing as well. The same happened for the third and fourth floor, there was no sight of weed at all. When he arrived on the fifth floor, Lin Huang finally found something. There were many staff members in white uniform working on something and there was a massive amount of chemicals as well as a complete production line. Pieces of black crystals were made on the production line and were put into a box. Lin Huang watched from the wall, the box was quite small, seemingly only being able to fit 100 pieces of weed in each box. The boxes were wrapped up later on.

After watching the entire production process, Lin Huang noticed that aside from the staff in white uniform, the number of guards were most concentrated on this floor. Aside from one gold-level rank-3 human, there were also 10 silver-level rank-3 humans. Before he got his hand on the weed, Lin Huang did not want to attract any attention. He proceeded to the sixth floor and a stroll, Lin Huang found a warehouse that was filled with hundreds of boxes of the weed crystals.

It was what Lin Huang had been looking for. However, there was a gold-level rank-3 human at the entrance as well as two silver-level humans. There were also five to six silver-level humans walking around the floor. The gold-level rank-3 human seemed to be watching some sort of video on the Heart Network, he was laughing occasionally. As the network page was semitransparent, he was facing the direction where the boxers were placed.

"From this angle, he would definitely notice me stealing the boxes." Lin Huang frowned as he looked at the surveillance

cameras around the room, "This is an issue as well. If the cameras detect my presence, the alarm would go off and people would know there is a break in. By then, they may keep the boxes in their storage rings and my mission would fail."

Since Lin Huang had yet to find the control room, he left the warehouse and proceeded to the seventh floor and finally found the control room. There were three silver-level guards in there. After observing them for a while, he decided on what his actions would be and summoned Bai behind the three silver-level guards. Before they could even react, their heads were chopped off by Bai's Blood Spirit wings which transformed into a blade.

Seeing the headless bodies on the chairs, Lin Huang then recalled Bai and went back to the sixth floor. Fearless, Lin Huang stored all hundreds of boxes of weeds in the warehouse into his storage space while he was in his Specter Form. Just as Lin Huang was storing the boxes, the gold-level human noticed something was wrong. He then stopped watching the video immediately and noticed that the weed had disappeared.

Just as he was figuring out what happened, Bai appeared behind him but was too late for him to reach for anything. Bai covered his mouth with a hand that was transformed from his Blood Spirit wing while his other wings transformed into a sharp spike that pierced his heart from his back. He died a while later, the two silver-level humans did not notice anything at all.

Lin Huang then transformed back into his human form. He walked out from the room with Bai with his two Blood Spirit wings transformed into spikes, piercing through the temples of the two

guards at the door. Bai then transformed his other two Blood Spirit wings into vines and sliced through their waist. Although Bai was also silver-level rank 3, he was a monster that had mutated twice. He was similar to a human genius with abilities that were a level higher than most people. A common silver-level rank-3 human was nothing to him.

After the sixth floor was cleared, Lin Huang followed closely behind Bai to the fifth floor. Since nobody knew what they had done earlier, many were shocked when they saw the both of them. It was only then that they realized that the castle had been invaded. Lin Huang then summoned Charcoal and the Ghastly Clown. He did not summon Tyrant as it was too big, there was no space for it to unleash its power.

Just when the gold-level human got ready to attack, he fell into the Ghastly Clown's trap and could not move. In the midst of all that, Charcoal released its dragonflame and killed all the uniformed staff members, including the silver-level humans while Bai took their lives like the grim reaper. In the 10 seconds that the gold-level human was trapped, the people on the entire floor had been slaughtered by the three monsters.

The gold-level human looked at Lin Huang and knew Lin Huang was the mastermind behind all this.

"Kid, do you know what you are doing? We have three transcendents in Heisen Castle, if you destroy the division, the headquarter would definitely get the transcendents to kill you!"

"They wouldn't know that this was done by me." Lin Huang

smiled and instructed the three monsters, "Kill him!"

Although the gold-level rank-3 human was powerful, Bai was no less powerful than him. Within a minute, he was killed by the three monsters. After the fifth floor was cleared, Lin Huang did not destroy the manufacturing machine because he wanted the people from the Union Government to take it. After some hesitation, Lin Huang placed 50 boxes of the weed crystals next to the production line.

With his three monsters, he proceeded to kill everyone on the fourth floor. Even the security guards on the security towers killed themselves under the Ghastly Clown's control. After everyone was killed, Lin Huang went back to the seventh floor and got Charcoal to destroy the control room with its dragonflame. He proceeded to get Charcoal to destroy all the surveillance cameras in the castle.

When Lin Huang recalled the three monsters and walked out of the hall on the first floor, the two Warning Bugs sounded the alarm almost at the same time. The volume was more than 10 times louder than the alarms on earth. Lin Huang ignored the alarms and used a Specific Transformation Card and went underground when he arrived at the door.

He transformed back into his human form when he found a place without any people in the jungle. Many started running to the castle as smoke was coming out of it. Lin Huang followed them as well. Many were hesitating, considering if they should hide in the jungle but they started running after Lin Huang as they recognized his face from the notice posted on the door of the Hunter Association.

Lin Huang ran along like the rest and entered the castle with its wide-open doors. Seeing the dead bodies on the ground, many were in shock and forgot about their purpose here which was Lin Huang.

"What happened?" Someone asked.

"I think there was a massacre here." Lin Huang said while glaring at the girl in the ponytail who got him into trouble.

"Let's look around, they should have the weed crystals that we are looking for."

"Didn't you steal all the weed crystal?" Somebody asked.

"I'm only a bronze-level rank-3, do you think I could be able to steal under the watch of two gold-level humans and a bunch of silver-level humans?" Lin Huang said while glaring at the person who asked the question. He then pointed at the girl in the ponytail, "All of you were cheated by this girl. We had some misunderstanding earlier so she set me up by releasing fake news."

Many looked at the girl in the ponytail. She did not say anything but rushed into the main hall of the castle instead. Lin Huang followed suit and pretended to look for the weed crystals like everybody else. Looking at the bloody dead bodies, many exclaimed.

"Who did this... That person must be powerful?"

Soon Lin Huang followed the girl in the ponytail and a couple of other people to the fifth floor. When they saw the boxes next to the production line, they rushed towards them almost at the same time. It was chaotic. Many of the others who heard the noise upstairs and went up. Seeing the boxes, they started fighting. The fifth floor was crowded.

Lin Huang spilled a couple of boxes on purpose to allow the black crystals to roll out of the boxes. Seeing the crystals, the people in a frenzy. After some fighting, Lin Huang managed to get more than 10 boxes while the rest got their own share. Before the rest made it to the fifth floor, all the weed crystals had been taken away. Many who were downstairs regretted not coming upstairs sooner. Some of them even started to negotiate with Lin Huang to see if they could purchase the black crystals from him...

# Chapter 165: The Truth About The Second Assessment

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The 50 boxes of weed crystals that were placed by Lin Huang next to the production line as well as a couple of boxes on the product line were taken away by Lin Huang and the other six people. Lin Huang got the most while the girl in ponytail got the second most. Lin Huang finally got her name from the rest. Her name was Xia Yu.

Recalling that Xia Yu wanted to sell a single weed crystal for 100 Life Crystals, Lin Huang thought it was completely ridiculous. One Life Crystal was sufficient to purchase two to three silver-level pieces of equipment. Even if she was the only one who possessed the weed crystal, nobody would buy it from her for 100 Life Crystals unless it was a recruitment assessment for Copper Hunters. However, it was only the second round of assessment and even if they passed through the second round, the possibility of them passing the following rounds were still an unknown.

Moreover, there were seven of them who possessed the weed crystal and people would definitely compare prices. Therefore, they could not sell the crystal weeds at a high price and could only probably sell each for one for two Life Crystals. However, Lin Huang was satisfied with what he got. He had earned himself some Life Crystals and nobody knew he was the one behind the massacre.

The head examiner, Zhuo Lin was surprised when more than 5,000 of the participants showed up at the Hunter Association with a weed crystal in their hands. Soon, he heard about the massacre in

Heisen Castle from some of the participants. He then reported to the management and got them to follow up with the incident.

48 hours had passed, the head examiner Zhuo Lin looked at the 5,600 people and started to speak.

"Aside from the tip that I gave in the second round of assessment, the rest of the information was fake. That includes the 5,000 black crystals that had inscriptions on it from yours truly. It was to prevent all of you from cheating. I believe a few of you had figured out the true purpose of this mission."

"The first one would your ability to manage information. An outstanding hunter should have the ability to differentiate if a piece of information was real or fake instead of blindly believing in whatever people said, even if the person was your head examiner."

"The second would be your ability to retrieve information. There are many ways to retrieve information. The Heart Network and Hunter Forum would be the mainstream platform many used to obtain information. However, there are times where a hunter would need to rely on other ways to obtain certain information. In this assessment, there are only two people who retrieved the correct information. They are Lin Huang and Xia Yu while the rest of you failed."

"Third was the ability to work together. I chose a mission that was impossible to be done alone, it was not meant to get you killed but instead, for you to obtain the item by working together. However, due to this incident, the goal was not achieved."



"However, luck is considered to play a part in all of this. Therefore, all of you who managed to obtain a black crystal will pass the assessment..."

Many who were worried were relieved when they heard that. Many of them thought that the result of the assessment would be invalid due to the incident.

"However, it's too early for all of you to relax. This is only the second round of assessment, nobody knew how many of you would pass the following rounds." Zhuo Lin smirked.

What he said was like splashing cold water on those who were excited. Since the second round of assessment was already so difficult, many of them began to worry if they could handle the following rounds.

"I would like to inform you on behalf of the head examiner of the third round of assessment that all of you must gather at the Hunter Association at 8 a.m. tomorrow. Someone will bring all of you to the assessment point. Don't be late, you would be disqualified if you are late." After informing them about the third assessment, Zhuo Lin then knocked on the table with his walking stick, "Alright, that's all I have. You can leave now."

The 5,600 participants then left the Hunter Association. After they left, the head examiner of the first round of assessment, Xu Jinpeng appeared again.

"I thought you would only pass the two kids who retrieved the correct information." Xu Jinpeng laughed.

"I gave them 48 hours but these two kids managed to retrieve the information within two hours. They are really something. However, that doesn't mean that the rest could not retrieve the information within 48 hours." Zhuo Lin laughed as he explained.

"However, if the incident didn't happen, the passing rate would be close to zero. It's too risky that you set the mission like this." Xu Jinpeng shook his head, he disagreed with the way Zhuo Lin carried out the assessment.

"Lao Xu, it seems like you don't know me at all." Zhuo Lin laughed, "This assessment would end once the participant walked out of the black market. It's not important if they managed to find the weed. Did you really believe what I said about working together? I was once a spy, I had never worked with anyone on any missions."

"You sly fox, you are always lying." Xu Jinpeng did not expect he was cheated by Zhuo Lin.

"Alright, let's talk business. What's the situation now at Heisen Castle?" Zhuo Lin asked. Xu Jinpeng was the one who was responsible for following up on the incident. Xu Jinpeng frowned, "We can't track who did this. All of the surveillance cameras were destroyed, it was a clean cut job and the culprit can't be determined. There could be one, two or three people who did this. It could also be done by a powerful Imperial Censor who owned many summoning monsters."

"There were three possible scenarios that killed the staff. They were either sliced by a blade, burnt by flames or they probably committed suicide."

"We could only speculate that the person have mastered the sword, the fire element, and even some illusion or mind control skills."

"Could it be done by one of the participants? The time that the incident happened seems to match the hunter assessment that's going on. This is skeptical." Zhuo Lin suggested.

"You're thinking too much. Looking at the trails, the murdered killed all the silver-level humans in one hit. Even one of the gold-level rank-3 guards was killed in one hit. This means the murdered was at least gold-level rank-3. None of the participants is silver-level, how could they manage to do that? Even if any of them is an Imperial Censor, the most powerful summoning monster they could summon would be a silver-level rank-3. Both of us are gold-level rank-3, why would we be afraid of a silver-level rank-3 monster?" Xu Jinpeng shook his head and smiled.

"If I encounter a double mutated monster, I would be afraid." Zhuo Lin was silent before he responded.

"A double mutated monster? Do you think these bronze-level kids could manage to control a monster like that?" Xu Jinpeng insisted that Zhuo Lin was thinking too much.

"Alright. You didn't see how clean cut the murder scene was. The murderer must be someone who some terrifying combat skills. Even I couldn't do that."

"I must be thinking too much then..." Zhuo Lin shook his head and left the thought behind.

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Lin Huang did not hear the conversation between Zhuo Lin and Xu Jinpeng. If he heard them conversing, he would be concerned because Zhuo Lin's estimation was very close to what exactly happened. Once the second round of assessment ended, Lin Huang thought that the difficulty of assessment was much harder than he could ever have imagined. He thought the assessment would just inspect their abilities and they would be given a pass. He did not expect there to be unpredictable traps everywhere.

Almost all of the head examiners set the assessment contents according to their own personalities, which made the assessment unpredictable. Nobody could tell how ridiculous the head examiner could be.

"Hopefully the head examiners of the following assessments would not be too eccentric. If they were the same as the head examiner in the second assessment who even lied to us, the passing rate would be rather worrying..." Lin Huang said worriedly.

## Chapter 166: Mr. Fu

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On the next day, Lin Huang checked out of the hotel early in the morning. From what the head examiner said earlier, he could guess that the location of the third assessment would not be in Beixuan City. After breakfast, Lin Huang arrived at the Hunter Association near the plaza at around 7:40 a.m.

Lin Huang looked around but he did not see Bai Yan. Lin Huang was sure that Bai Yan had dismissed himself from the assessment. However, he saw Xia Y and she saw him too, but she turned her head to the other side and pretended not to see him. Lin Huang smirked, "Do you think I'd let you go just like that?..."

Soon, it was 8 a.m. Nobody was late this time, all the participants who passed the second assessment had arrived. A Demonic Crystal Spaceship landed from the sky which was puzzling because the plaza in front of the Hunter Association was not the official docking point for the spaceship. Seeing the spaceship arrive, it was clear that the spaceship was being chartered exclusively by the Hunter Association for transportation.

"The Hunter Association is so generous to the point that they would get a Demonic Crystal Spaceship to pick us up."

"This is not a common Demonic Crystal Spaceship, but the latest Red Devil from the MEA Group. Each division is only limited to 100 of these and the price of each of them is equivalent to the price of three five-star relics. There are attack and defense systems on it that are on the same level as relics. I heard that even if the spaceship encountered transcendent monsters, it would be able to

defeat them." A young man who was quite knowledgeable about the Demonic Crystal Spaceship said in excitement.

A gigantic red spaceship landed on the plaza at the entrance of the Hunter Association. A short, old man with white beard walked down from the spaceship. The two head examiners, Xu Jinpeng and Zhuo Lin rushed to greet the old man, they said respectfully, "Mr. Fu."

The old man laughed and nodded.

"Why are you here, Mr. Fu?" Xu Jinpeng asked. Mr. Fu was a transcendent with many other apprentices who were also transcents. He was a highly respected person here in Division7.

"I just bought this Red Devil, is it wrong for me to show it off a little?" Mr. Fu laughed and Xu Jinpeng did not know what to say.

Zhuo Lin jumped in and said, "Seems like you took good care of your spaceship, Mr. Fu."

"Of course, it arrived just yesterday." What Mr. Fu said made them speechless again.

The both of them did not say anything but laugh along with the old man.

"Alright, I shall stop fooling around with you guys. I just bought this spaceship but I need to use it in order for me to test it out. I

heard you guys needed a spaceship so this is my chance to try it out." Mr. Fu said and looked at the participants, his gaze stopping at the direction of Lin Huang and a few other participants.

"There is some great potential here."

Xu Jinpeng and Zhuo Lin were glad to hear that, they knew that Mr. Fu had a unique observation skill which was why all his apprentices were terrifyingly powerful. Since he saw great potential here, there was bound to be some participants who were worth training by the Hunter Association.

"Alright kids, scan your identity? You should board the spaceship now!" After chatting with the two head examiners, Mr. Fu then waved to the participants. A bunch of them rushed to board the spaceship. Once all of them boarded the spaceship, Mr. Fu waved at both head examiners and returned to the spaceship.

"Please find yourselves a room, we'll only arrive at our destination tomorrow morning." Mr. Fu said to the participants and headed to the cockpit. The participants were wondering who he was.

"Who is this Mr. Fu?"

"How can he afford this Demonic Crystal Spaceship on his own? He must be a transcendent."

Aside from the speculation of Mr. Fu being a transcendent, none

of them knew who Mr. Fu really was. Even a couple of young men from royal families had no idea. Lin Huang stood on the deck and watched the spaceship depart. He saw Xia Yu from the corner of his eye. She was standing at the side of the spaceship, looking down at the Beixuan City beneath them with a frown. She seemed to be troubled. Noticing that Lin Huang was watching her, she looked at his direction but Lin Huang had looked away. She then proceeded to look outside once again. Lin Huang did not care what she was thinking about as he walked towards the residential area.

Many of them were trying to get into the VIP area on the top floor but Lin Huang randomly picked a room on the second floor. The reason why he chose the second floor was simple; he did not want to share the elevator with the others. It was convenient for him to get downstairs and more importantly, it was quiet. The spaceship had outstanding soundproofing but the sound of people walking in the corridor could still be heard in the rooms.

Although the spaceship was luxurious, it was empty as there were no other crew members on board. There were no kitchenware, plates, or alcohol in the restaurant on the first floor except the equipment. The only entertainment on the spaceship was the swimming pool on the top floor which could only be used with Mr. Fu's permission.

As the sun began to set, the spaceship began descending as well and startled quite a few people.

"Please do not panic, I wanted to try out the sailing function of the spaceship at night. Just rest on the spaceship as usual. I'll send all of you to the assessment location tomorrow morning." Mr. Fu's



voice was heard on the loudspeaker. The red Demonic Crystal Spaceship landed on the ocean. Usually, most Demonic Crystal Spaceships came with the ability to sail float on water or even dive.

As it began to slowly sail on the ocean, Mr. Fu grabbed a fishing rod and walked out of the cocktail and headed to the side of the spaceship with a smile. Many were concerned if they could make it to the assessment location on time because the spaceship was moving slowly. They approached Mr. Fu to confirm if they would make it and Mr. Fu waved his hand, "Don't worry, if I don't make it on time, I'll get the Hunter Association to give you your licenses immediately."

What he said reassured the participants. Mr. Fu then walked to the side of the spaceship and took up a tall chair from his storage space. There was no bait on his hook but he sat on the chair and tossed the hook into the sea. He proceeded to smoke a pipe but seemed like he was falling asleep.

Meanwhile, Lin Huang was watching the sunset on the balcony. He saw Mr. Fu fishing and used his Emperor's Heart Ring to take photos of the scenery. The pictures came out good. An old man sitting by the spaceship, fishing with an orange sun next to him. The view was quite breathtaking.

Lin Huang then returned to his room and ate some snacks. When the sun was beginning to set, he walked to the balcony again. Mr. Fu did not catch any fish but he did seem relaxed. Lin Huang thought to himself that since he had nothing to do, he might as well accompany the old man. Perhaps he could even grill the fish if the old man managed to catch one.

Lin Huang headed directly to Mr. Fu after he got to the first floor. He stopped beside Mr. Fu and asked, "Mr. Fu, do you have any more fishing rods?"

Mr. Fu looked at him in doubt and asked, "Do you know how to fish?"

"I have tried fishing before but it was a long time ago." What Lin Huang said was the truth. When he was on earth, he had a customer who loved fishing. He learned many things about fishing from him as he would occasionally fish with the customer. That was how he learned how to fish.

Mr. Fu did not say anything but passed Lin Huang a fishing rod and a tall chair like the one he was sitting on. Lin Huang took the fishing rod and noticed that there was no bait so he put his snack on the hook. He then sat on the chair and tossed the hook into the sea. Mr. Fu could see that Lin Huang really did know how to fish so he gave him a nod and continued smoking.

Soon, the bait hooked a fish!

"Not bad." Mr. Fu complimented and passed Lin Huang a net. After Lin Huang got the fish on board, he used the net to capture the fish while he took out a pail he brought from his storage space. He cut open the top of the pail and tossed the fish in. The fish was quite small at only one catty but this was definitely a good start!

After the first fish, Lin Huang was getting luckier. Within half an

hour, he managed to catch more than 10 fishes and the biggest one was almost 10 catties. Meanwhile, Mr. Fu still hasn't caught one. However, he did not appear to be worried. Lin Huang, on the other hand, felt awkward.

"Mr. Fu, why don't you try using my snack as bait." Lin Huang suggested.

"Don't worry, it's about time." Mr. Fu looked at the sky, it was getting dark.

Lin Huang did not understand but did not ask further either. As the sky got darker, he noticed that was something under the water. There seemed to be a small, glowing red snake under Mr. Fu's fishing rod. Lin Huang then activated Boundless Vision to look and he realized that it was a red snake formed completely from Life Power. It was moving beneath the waters and could not be seen clearly during the day but now that it was dark, its red glow became obvious.

"That's a terrifying mastery of Life Power... He is able to use his Life Power to create a lifeform that can move." Lin Huang suddenly realized that fishing was part of training for Mr. Fu. Suddenly, a gigantic shadow approached his bait at lightning speed. Mr. Fu smirked and a strong power pulled on his fishing rod halfway into the ocean.

"Up!"

Mr. Fu smirked and shouted, his right hand pulling up a gigantic

black fish that was almost 100 meters long. The fish landed hard on the deck behind the both of them. The entire spaceship shook and many who saw what had happened were shocked.

"This is... A sea queen! A gold-level Goldenink Grouper!" Some of the people watching exclaimed in excitement.

# Chapter 167: Food Hunter

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The sea king were the real kings of the ocean. Most of them resided in the deep sea with bodies longer than 10,000 meters. They were gigantic and a small population of the sea kings possessed abilities comparable to the dragonkin. The sea queens were also comparable to the sea kings. They possessed the blood of the sea kings but because their blood contained a lesser form of power, they were called sea queens instead. In the ocean, a sea queen was almost comparable to an overlord-level creature. Aside from the sea kings, they feared no one... Nothing! They possessed abilities that were superior to monsters of a similar level.

The Goldenink Grouper that Mr. Fu captured was a sea queen. Its body was at least 90 meters and it was hooked by Mr. Fu's fishing rod which was as thick as a thumb. It died after they docked at the deck of the Demonic Crystal Spaceship. Mr. Fu kept his fishing rod and exclaimed to the people, "I'm in luck today. This is my treat!"

Lin Huang put his fishing rod away and leaped down from the chair. He was attracted to the gigantic Goldenink Grouper. The fish was as black as ink, it was as if its body was covered with a layer of black metal armor. A couple of its scales were white and judging by its length, Lin Huang could tell that it was gold-level rank-3.

Although Lin Huang had seen many transcendents, he could not help but to secretly look at Mr. Fu. He was only 1.5 meters tall and always smiling. However, now that he had shown off how powerful he was, nobody would look down on him anymore.

"Boy, why don't we use the fishes that you caught as side dishes?" Mr. Fu suddenly looked at Lin Huang.

"Sure!" Lin Huang nodded immediately.

"Let's feast, please step aside."

Mr. Fu's got down and dirty with his hands. One of his hands transformed into a knife, as red Life Power shot through his arm. The knife turned into a 20-meter giant knife and he began to remove the scales from the Goldenink Grouper...

10 seconds later, the fish was completely sliced into pieces. Not only were its organs and scales removed, it was also sliced into 100 pieces.

After putting away the fish slices and fish head, Mr. Fu turned on the automatic cleaning system to clean the area surrounding the spaceship. He then tossed the pail with fishes Lin Huang caught into the air. As he threw the pail, five of his fingers transformed into red knives that glowed and just as the fishes fell back into the pail, it seemed like they were completely clean with their scales and organs removed.

Many people cheered and only Lin Huang and a few others who have mastered the sword could see that Mr. Fu had used a high-level sword skill.

"This must be at least an Epic sword skill." Lin Huang was sure.

Mr. Fu then grabbed a normal-sized wok from the air and began to season the meal with chives and ginger.

Fragrance soon filled the air and Mr. Fu tossed all the fish slices into the wok after taking it out from his storage space. The fish cubes shrunk in midair as they landed in the wok. Mr. Fu proceeded to add the 10 fishes Lin Huang caught into the wok. As he cooked, a delicious fragrance of fish lingered in the air and he poured a special sauce that he specially made into the mixture and stirred.

Lin Huang and the rest were drooling. Mr. Fu ended the show with some seasoning and it had taken him a total of half an hour to cook the fishes.

Washbasins that were used as plates were brought out. Although they were huge, each washbasin was only sufficient to contain one fish. Soon, the 100 washbasins were arranged in a row on the spaceship deck.

"I call this Big Sauced Fish Slices!" Mr. Fu then distributed the fish slices to everyone. After that, he got himself one as well. The color was a bright red and the fish slices were covered in a flavorful sauce. With the salivating fragrance coming off the fish, many of the participants began to dig in. Lin Huang took a bite as well and almost bit his own tongue off because there were no bones and the meat was as soft as tofu. It was so delicious that it tasted like the food he once had at Stable Residence.

"Mr. Fu must be a Food Hunter!" Many began to think. With only one bite, Lin Huang could feel changes happening to his Life Power. If his Life Power was not full, that one single bite of the fish would fill up his Life Power. A couple of participants in the crowd experienced an upgrade in their combat strength after eating the fish. Three of them leveled-up from bronze-level rank-1 to bronze-level rank-2 and two people leveled-up from bronze-level rank-2 to bronze-level rank-3. It was such a treat.

As Mr. Fu watched, he smiled but he did not say anything while he ate the fish silently. They finally finished eating in the middle of the night. Lin Huang's stomach was filled to the brim from eating seven to eight pieces. The rest were full as well with many of them holding their stomach while they lay down on the deck. Some even fell asleep on the deck.

Lin Huang slept in his room and when he woke up, it was already 7:30 a.m. He got up from his bed immediately and looked out the window to see if the spaceship had landed.

"Kids, it's already 7:30 a.m. You better start cleaning yourselves and get off the spaceship. We've arrived at the location of your assessment. If you don't leave by 8 a.m., don't blame me if you fail the assessment..."

Mr. Fu's deep voice was heard through the loudspeaker and woke many participants up. Many of them did not even wash their face or brush their teeth as they rushed out of the spaceship. Lin Huang looked at the time and it was only 7:30 a.m. so he took his time cleaning himself.



When he arrived at the deck, there was nobody left on the spaceship. Mr. Fu was standing next to the entrance. Lin Huang walked towards him and when he heard Lin Huang's footsteps, Mr. Fu turned around and said, "All the best, young man!"

"Okay." Lin Huang nodded, he recalled something as he was near the entrance. He stopped walking and took out the photo he took of Mr. Fu when he was fishing.

"I took a photo of you yesterday. Take it as a gift from me to you."

"That's not bad!" Mr. Fu seemed happy to see the photo, "Let me add you to my contacts."

After adding each other to their respective contact lists, Lin Huang sent the photo to Mr. Fu and left the spaceship.

# Chapter 168: The Third Assessment Has Started

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Just as Lin Huang stepped out of the spaceship, he saw a row of gigantic fences, up to 100 hundred of them. A tall and big sized man stood before the fence. He had bulky muscles and was covered in a beard. He wore army pants, a black singlet and a pair of sunglasses. He looked serious because he stood there crossing his arms. He looked like the type of guy that nobody would want to mess with.

There were two staff members that wore hunter uniforms standing next to him. Lin Huang could tell that the bald man was probably the head examiner of the assessment. After Lin Huang left the spaceship, the last few people remaining got down from the spaceship after him. The spaceship then flew away and disappeared.

When it was 8 a.m., the bald man finally spoke.

"My name is Jiang Sen, I am the head examiner of the third assessment." The bald man introduced himself, "I don't appreciate bullsh\*t and I also don't think of myself as the brightest man in comparison to other examiners. Therefore, this assessment will be simple."

"I believe all of you noticed the metal fence behind me. Behind the fences are long corridors which connect three monster cages. Each cage contains one silver-level rank-3 monster. Those who gets through the corridor, manages to get past the three monster cages and leave the corridor from the other end will pass this round. "

"The rules are simple. Before going into the fence, you will have to give me your Emperor's Heart Ring and storage rings. You are only allowed to keep three pieces of equipment with you and the equipment has to be iron-level or bronze-level. Nothing higher than bronze-level."

Silver-level rank-3 monsters had an advantage over bronze-level humans. A bronze-level defensive weapon would not have an impact if it was used on silver-level rank-3 monsters.

Meanwhile, bronze-level weapons had little to no effect on silver-level rank-3 monsters. If they encountered monsters with a high defense, there was nothing that they could do to attack them.

The head examiner continued speaking.

"The assessment limit will be an hour per person. If you do not pass through the exit within an hour, you fail the assessment!"

"If you spend more than half an hour in any monster cage, you fail as well!"

"Also, in this assessment, you're only allowed to go forward. There is no going back or retreating. Once you've entered the monster cafe, you're not allowed to back out from the corridor. If you step back into the corridor after entering the monster case, you will fail!"

"Lastly, I would like to remind you that there will not be any safety measures taken during this assessment. If you die in the hands of the monsters, we've been instructed to only collect your corpses."

The participants looked even more upset with each passing rule that they were told. After Jiang Sen finished his briefing, he turned to all of them.

"It's not too late to withdraw from the assessment now. I'm giving you 10 seconds to think about it.

The assessment officially starts after 10 seconds!"

"10, 9, 8..."

Some of them hesitated because they could lose their lives in this assessment. As he counted down, one person raised his hand in surrender and shouted, "I give up!"

After the first person gave up, more people were having second thoughts.

"I give up too!" A second person raised his hand up. More and more people began to leave the assessment and many of them were bronze-level rank-1 and rank-2.

When he counted down to one, there were already more than 120 participants who chose to give up.

"Alright, those who have given up, please follow the staff to the resting room." Jiang Sen nodded to the staff next to him. The staff then waved at the participants, "Those who had given up please follow me, let us not delay the assessment for the rest." There was a group that followed her.

As the people left, Jiang Sen continued to say "The silver-level rank-3 monsters are stronger than most of you. It's normal to face a monster stronger than you but an outstanding hunter won't be afraid. Instead, they'll be able to convert their fear into courage and find a way to survive in times of crisis."

"What I'm looking isn't ability alone but bravery as well. This is why I'm giving you guys a time limit for this assessment. You're only allowed to move forward. No backing out!"

"There are a total of 100 corridor entrances with the code 001 to 100. Now, you can proceed to draw from the ballot to see which corridor you get to start from." Jiang Sen said and nodded to the staff next to him.

A couple of staff brought the ballot box over and placed it on the ground. It was a black, sealed box with a hole in the middle.

"Come forward and draw the ballot." Jiang Sen nodded. Many of them rushed forward and took out a round card that was the size of a mug.

After the rest were done, Lin Huang walked slowly forward and

picked a card for himself. There was a red '066' printed on the white card and a black '23' was printed on the back of the card. Lin Huang raised an eyebrow, he wanted to ask why were there two numbers but somebody else beat him to it, "Why are there two numbers? One red while the other black?"

"The red number is the corridor number that you will need to enter from. The black number at the back refers to the order of your entry."

Hearing Jiang Sen's explanation, some of them who got the number '1' turned pale. None of them knew what to expect and what kind of monsters lurked behind those corridors.

"What is there to hesitate about? There's no difference whether or not you are the first or the 50th to enter. If you fail, our staff will escort you out and you won't be able to watch other participants perform."

He added, "I would like to remind you that none of you should exchange the number that you get. If you do, I'll make sure the both of you are blacklisted and you won't be able to join any hunter assessments for three years."

"Alright, those who got the black number '1', please choose the three pieces of equipment that you would like to bring along with you. Also, do pass your Emperor's Heart Ring and storage rings over to our staff. Once you've done that, you can proceed to enter the corridor. Half an hour later, the one who has the black number '2' will enter and it's best if we maintain a few minutes gap in between participants."

## Chapter 169: Monster Shed No.66

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At the 100 numbered fences, the 100 participants who picked the number '1' on the black side of the card quickly gave their Emperor's Heart Ring and storage rings to the staff. Each of them brought three bronze-level pieces of equipment with themselves. Most of the participants brought along one piece of armor and two weapons. A couple of them brought two pieces of armor and one weapon. Those who were at the back saw someone putting on two layers of armor and thought it would be a good idea since the defensive prowess of a piece of bronze-level armor was limited and would not be able to defend against the attacks of silver-level rank-3 monsters. It would work better if they had two layers of armor on or at least, that was what most of them thought.

However, when Lin Huang and some of them saw this, they shook their heads as they knew it would not work. When an equipment was in its ring form, it would not weight a thing. However, as soon as the ring was activated, the weight of the equipment would return to normal. Although the armor was made of a special material that was lighter than regular armor, putting on two pieces at the same time would decrease both speed and agility. What this round of assessment required were speed and agility.

It was impossible for most participants to defeat silver-level rank-3 monsters. In a space so small, the only thing they could do was to avoid themselves from getting attacked and leap to the side of the corridor. Such a tactic would not work if they were even one second late. Therefore, putting on two layers of armor was actually pretty stupid, though it may seem like a wise move in their perspective. Moreover, one or two bronze-level pieces of armor would not make much difference when they encountered the

monster. Their armor would be like one or two pieces of paper that could be easily pierced with a knife.

Once the first batch of participants entered, the area behind the fence became crowded. Although they could not see what was happening behind the fence, they could hear the monsters roar from the outside. Within a minute, an announcement was heard from the loudspeaker, "The participant No.1 in monster shed No.62 has been disqualified! Participant No.2 can now enter." Many of them who were already nervous got even more nervous when they heard the participant getting disqualified within a minute.

About two minutes later, another announcement came from the loudspeaker.

"Participant No.1in monster shed No.13 has been disqualified! Participant No.2 can enter now." As time passed, there would be announcements coming from the loudspeaker every now and then.

"Participant No.1 in monster shed No.18 has been disqualified! Participant No.2 can enter now."

"Participant No.1 in monster shed No.97 has been disqualified!"

"Participant No.1 in monster shed No.55 has been disqualified!"

"Participant No.1 in monster shed No.43 has been disqualified!"

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Many of them lost faith when they heard the announcements coming one after the other.

"Participant No.1 in monster shed No.66 is dead! Participant No.2 can enter now."

Lin Huang raised his eyebrows because the number he picked was also No.66. Many of them were in a panic as someone actually died during the assessment! Many of them thought that the head examiner was kidding when he said there were no safety measures in this assessment. Now that somebody had actually died, they finally took what the head examiner said seriously.

After the death of a participant was announced, a staff ran out and whispered into Jiang Sen's ear. Jiang Sen nodded and looked at participant No.2 for monster shed No.66.

"What are you looking at, the assessment goes on!"

As participant No.2 walked into monster shed No.66, Jiang Sen frowned. He did not expect the monster in No.66 to go through a mutation out of nowhere. Since the difficulty of the assessment had been raised, he hesitated for a moment and wondered if he should notify the participants who had picked monster shed No.66 or if he should sweep the matter under the rug.

Just as he was hesitating, an announcement came from the loudspeaker again.

"Participant No.2 in monster shed No.66 is dead! Participant No.3 can enter now."

Many started to find it odd that there were two consecutive deaths in monster shed No.66. The monster in that particular shed was probably much stronger than the rest.

As the participant No.3 walked in, Jiang Sen shouted at him, "Alright, don't go in." The participant stopped walking and stayed where he was. Jiang Sen then took out a loudspeaker and explained, "Those who picked No.66, the first monster that we placed in the shed had just gone through a mutation which caused major upgrade in its intelligence and ability. Due to special circumstance, we shall break the rules for this time only. Those of who would like to change your number, please register with our staff here. Those who do not want to change their number, you can proceed with the assessment."

Most of the participants left the queue and rushed to the staff to change their drawn numbers, only a few which included Lin Huang remained in the queue. Lin Huang was initially No.23 but because most of them left to change their number, there were only two participants before he was scheduled to enter. He was happy because he would only need to wait for an hour to enter. The rest of them who left the queue looked at them like they were idiots.

"You think what you're doing will make you a hero?"

"You'll pay the price for being proud. It'll too late for regret if you

die in there."

"Even if you manage to pass through monster shed No.66, how does that make you any different than the ones who manage to pass through other monster sheds? Is it necessary to be so persistent?"

Some of the participants who bought the weed crystal from Lin Huang shouted at him, "Lin Huang, get another number! It won't benefit you if you remain with No.66."

"Of course there's an advantage!" Lin Huang smiled at that person, "Now that the queue is shorter, I can pass the assessment at a shorter time."

What he said made them speechless. Once most of the participants left the queue for shed No.66, the queue was shortened from 55 people to five people. There were two people in front and behind Lin Huang.

Those who left the queue had to queue at the back again. Soon the assessment for monster shed No.66 began. The participant who was the first in queue walked in confidently with two weapons and a piece of armor. Lin Huang had high hopes in that participant. He was a muscular young man who seemed quite mature. Although he was also a bronze-level rank-3, he was going to break through to silver-level anytime.

As the announcements from the loudspeaker continued, the first good news was finally announced.

"Congratulations! Participant No.1 in monster shed No.37, Xia Yu had passed the third assessment!"

"That girl? Not bad, the assessment has only started for less than 20 minutes and she has already passed." Lin Huang raised an eyebrow, he decided to finish the assessment faster than Xia Yu did.

Just as everyone was cheering for the good news, they looked at Lin Huang as another announcement came from the loudspeaker.

"Participant No.11 in monster shed No.66 is dead!" Even Jiang Sen was frowning, "Nevermind, those of you who got No.66 please re-register and get another number. Stop wasting your time in the queue!"

Since the head examiner had spoken, the other four participants walked towards the staff members to draw another number but Lin Huang remained there, standing still.

"Sir, I would like to give it a try." Lin Huang said to Jiang Sen.

"Aren't you afraid that three people who went in there had all died?" Jiang Sen turned around and looked at Lin Huang.

"Silver-level monsters are not worth being afraid of." Lin Huang smiled and shook his head.

"Kid, if you're very capable and proud, it's what I'd call confident. However, if you're proud but you're not capable, that's what I'd call idiotic." Jiang Sen shot Lin Huang a deadly glare."

"I'll prove with my actions that I'm the former."

Without waiting for Jiang Sen to say anything, Lin Huang took out two modified CopperSparrow23s and a bronze-level battle sword from his Emperor's Heart Ring. He then placed all his rings into his Emperor's Heart Ring and gave it to the staff.

What he did seemed like he was digging his own grave to the others. However, some were anticipating what would happen to him.

"Can you open the door now?" Lin Huang looked at Jiang Sen.

Jiang Sen glared at Lin Huang and said to the staff, "Open the door for him!"

The door opened and Lin Huang walked in without a moment of hesitation...

# Chapter 170: Can't Keep A Low Profile Any Longer

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After going into the passage to the monster shed, Lin Huang walked along the dark corridor. The walls and ceiling were cast in a silver metal. The floor was made of black metal boards and it was not hard to tell that the corridor was made for temporary use.

After walking for around 100 meters, Lin Huang had finally reached the end. He finally saw the monster cage.

It was a gigantic metal cage that was similar to a birdcage, with metal bars that were as thick as an adult thumb hanging from the top, made from a material unknown to Lin Huang. The metal bars were embedded into the black metal floor with a gap of only 20 centimeters between them so adults could not enter.

The monster cage was surrounded with green plants and seemed to be in a dense jungle. He could even see the other monster cages on both sides. It was a circular area that was 100 meters in diameter and the ground was covered in blood. However, Lin Huang did not see any dead bodies so he thought that the staff may have removed them.

After observing the environment around him, Lin Huang then looked at the monster across from him. It was a big, red bird with purple feathers on its tail and the bottom of its wings. There were a couple of golden crests on the top of its head and the bird looked rather colorful. Lin Huang could recognize that it was a bird that was similar to a parrot on earth but this was known as a Fenixplume Peacock in this world. It was an intelligent fighting

bird.

Most talking peacocks could mimic sounds of other creatures but the Fenixplume Peacock was a mutated monster. It was a master in mimicking voices, being able to mimic a sound after only hearing it once. This ability was not only used for mimicking voices as it also used it to hunt for prey. For instance, it would mimic the sound of a mother beast to lure the baby beast to it or it could mimic a mating call to attract male beasts...

After spending more than three months with humans, a Fenixplume Peacock could even master a human language and understand what the words meant. To be exact, it was even smarter than most humans when it came to learning new languages. However, a Fenixplume Peacock only fed on meat. Its attacking prowess was unparalleled as its beak and claws were comparable to weapons. The defensive abilities of its feathers were also comparable to armor and it could take short-distance flights at the speed of light.

Looking at the gigantic bird, Lin Huang frowned as he knew it would not be easy for him to handle such a beast.

"Damn, boy. Are you here to dig your own grave?" The Fenixplume Peacock spoke. Its voice was husky, unfriendly and unpleasant to the ear.

"You can speak human language? It seems like you've spent some time with humans so why would you want to kill humans?" Lin Huang asked because the Fenixplume Peacock had spent some time with humans so it technically should not harbor any ill will

towards humans.

"It's because humans are bastards!! They deserve to die!" The Fenixplume Peacock shouted.

"Seems like you had a bad owner. It's no wonder you're hot-tempered." Lin Huang thought in his mind that perhaps the peacock must have been tortured by its human owner, which explained why it would say such things.

"Nonsense! My master is the best human in the whole wide world. He would kill humans every day to feed me the freshest human organs while waiting for me to go through a mutation. Unfortunately, I mutated today but he was not able to see it happen because he was killed by a human like you!" The Fenixplume Peacock shouted even louder this time.

"So your master was a Dark Imperial Censor. If that's the case, he deserves to die." Lin Huang finally knew what the backstory was when he heard what the Fenixplume Peacock had said.

There was an evil sect among the Imperial Censors called the Foulblood Imperial Censors. The Foulblood Imperial Censors would keep many human slaves and cast spells on the slaves using their own blood. They would then feed the slaves that had died from the spells to the monsters that they reared. The spell would continue to fester in the monster and after a certain level had been achieved, the monster would undergo a mutation due to the spell. If the monster was fed enough human slaves, it could even go through two mutations. That was the reason why the Union Government and Hunter Association killed them on sight because



they did not want a cursed monster that had undergone two mutations to become a transcendent that could harm the world.

"How dare you!" The Fenixplume Peacock heard Lin Huang saying that its master deserved to die, it shouted again.

"Such a hot temper. It's got to be the curse..." Lin Huang thought it was a normal mutated monster and he was considering if he should keep it. Once he found out that it was owned by a Foulblood Imperial Censor, there was no need for such consideration.

"Since you're cursed, you'd do no good to the world."

Lin Huang extended his hand and called out, "Come out, Tyrant."

The gigantic Tyrant appeared before Lin Huang. Its body was so muscular that it looked like it was covered with a golden armor. There was no fat on its body and it had a perfect body that would make any woman go crazy.

Tyrant's golden eyes glared at the Fenixplume Peacock. Its feathers stood up as Tyrant glared at it as it had never felt a fear like this. It was like it had been chosen as prey by a high-level predator, it would become food on its plate at any time.

"Kill it." Lin Huang pointed at the Fenixplume Peacock. Tyrant plunged towards the Fenixplume Peacock at the speed of light to the extent that even Lin Huang could not see it moving. The Fenixplume Peacock attempted to fly to the top of the cage

immediately but it was too late. Tyrant was already there with its hand on the Fenixplume Peacock's neck.

Flapping its 10-meter-wide wings, the Fenixplume Peacock was like a helpless chick before Tyrant. It struggled but the tips of its wings were pinched together by Tyrant. Then, Tyrant broke its neck with its hand and pulled off the Fenixplume Peacock's head. Purple blood splashed out from its neck all over the place.

The Fenixplume Peacock began to struggle and only stopped 10 minutes later. Looking at the purple blood on the ground, Lin Huang frowned and thought, "Looking at the color of the blood, it was definitely cursed." Although the Fenixplume Peacock had accumulated enough curses to make it go through a mutation, it did not mutate until today for some reason.

Lin Huang then recalled Tyrant and walked to the second part of the corridor across from him. An announcement came from the loudspeaker.

"The first monster in monster shed No.66 is dead! Please get the monster cage changed as soon as possible."

Hearing the announcement being made, the people outside the monster shed were shocked.

"He killed the monster?!"

"A mutated silver-level rank-3 monster! How did that kid manage

to kill it!? Who is he!?!"

"He's only bronze-level rank-3, how could he kill a mutated monster above his rank. Could he be the genius of the legends?"

Even the head examiner Jiang Sen could not stay calm any longer. He looked at the surveillance camera immediately to see what exactly happened. He was shocked to see Tyrant killing the Fenixplume Peacock within seconds.

"What kind of summoning monster is that? It looks a giant but it's not the same. It kinda looks like a new mutated species. It managed to kill a mutated monster on the same level as it was. That's ridiculous!"

Jiang Sen did not know that Tyrant was a monster that had gone through two mutations as it was almost impossible for that to happen if a monster was below transcendent. He thought that Tyrant was a powerful mutated monster. However, it was because Tyrant did not show how fast and strong it really was. If they were fighting gold-level rank-3 monsters, almost anybody would be able to tell that it had undergone two mutations.

Lin Huang was not worried that Tyrant would reveal his ability as Tyrant was not involved in the Heisen Castle massacre earlier. Even if the Hunter Association knew that he had a mutated monster, they would not think that he was the murderer. An Imperial Censor would have to have great luck if they were able to own a monster that had undergone two mutations before they reached transcendent. It was almost impossible for them to own two or more double mutated monsters.

Lin Huang decided to reveal his abilities for the assessment because he knew he could not defeat the Fenixplume Peacock. Besides, he did that in the hopes that he would be able to gain access to more resources from the Hunter Association. As one of the largest organizations in this world, the Hunter Association owned vast amounts of information that other organizations and individuals were not privy to. No matter how powerful an ordinary person was, they would have limited access to information. Many rare materials were unavailable to trade for outsiders no matter how many Life Crystals one owned. Among all the organizations, the Hunter Association had the least amount of restrictions on their members while owning the most resources after the Union Government.

So far, the hunters that Lin Huang have met were good so joining the Hunter Association was a wise choice. After entering the second corridor, an announcement came from the loudspeaker again. Lin Huang heard it loud and clear. He smiled and shook his head, knowing that there was no way for him to keep a low profile any longer.

"Since I can't keep a low profile any longer, then I'll show them how powerful I really am. It'll be great if they'll grant me a Silver Hunter position after the assessment ended. It would be even better if I can get a residential permit to stay in an A-grade foothold!"

# Chapter 171: Right In The Assh\*le

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Passing through the corridor, Lin Huang arrived at the second monster cage. It was a One-Armed Ape in the cage. The One-Armed Ape was a giant. It was not called the One-Armed Ape because it only had one arm, but because one of its arms were regular sized while the other was as big as its entire body. The gigantic arm had terrifying power and monsters on the same level would die with just a single hit. However, there was a downside to the gigantic arm - it moved at a slow speed. It was the price it had to pay to obtain such power.

Most people would be scared if they saw this monster because a simple rub with its arm would spell certain death. However, Lin Huang smirked as he held the CopperSparrow23 in both of his hands and walked into the corridor. He then started to shoot at the One-Armed Ape. The ape roared in pain as it rushed towards Lin Huang with its giant arm covering its face.

Lin Huang then activated Cloud Steps without much effort and avoided the ape's attack. He turned around and shot at the ape's face while it used its giant arm to defend itself. Lin Huang smirked again and said, "Goodbye, big guy!" Lin Huang then leaped to the entrance of the third corridor with the Spectral Snowsteps movement skill. He then disappeared into the third corridor.

The One-Armed Ape groaned in anger. The weakest part of the monster was its head. As soon as it was attacked on its head, its first reaction would be to defend itself with its giant arm. However, that would mean that it would block its own vision. Lin Huang used the opportunity to run away and the entire fight took less than 10 seconds.

Soon, Lin Huang arrived at the final monster cage after passing through the third corridor. It was a Silverscale Pangolin. This monster's attack power and speed were mediocre but it was born with terrifying defensive abilities. When a silver-level rank-3 Silverscale Pangolin goes into its defensive form, it would transform into a silver ball. Even gold-level rank-1 or rank-2 monsters could do nothing to it.

The CopperSparrow23 in Lin Huang's hands fired again, he was attempting to lure the monster away from the exit. However, he did not expect the Silverscale Pangolin to not attack him but roll into a ball instead. It even rolled itself over to the exit on purpose and blocked the exit entirely.

"Are you kidding me?" Lin Huang was speechless.

He frowned and walked closer to the Silverscale Pangolin before he opened fire. It remained in its defensive mode and seemed like it intended to stay that way until Lin Huang gave up. Standing next to the Silverscale Pangolin, Lin Huang gave it a kick but it did not respond at all.

"Alright then, you're the one who forced me to do this." Lin Huang then stored the two modified guns and took out his bronze-level battle sword. He activated Boundless Vision and walked around the Silverscale Pangolin. He stopped and grinned.

The bronze-level battle sword stabbed into a gap between its scales. The Silverscale Pangolin let out a cry and rolled to the side.

As planned, Lin Huang entered the exit of the third corridor. The Silverscale Pangolin gave Lin Huang a deadly stare so he put his arms up and tossed the sword away.

"You're the one who forced me to do this. If you didn't get in my way, I wouldn't have had to stab your ass\*le. I don't want this sword anymore, keep it as a souvenir."

Lin Huang then walked towards the exit. Recalling the expression on the Silverscale Pangolin's face, Lin Huang laughed. The defensive ability of a Silverscale Pangolin was stunning but it had a critical weakness. When it was rolled into its defensive form, there would be a tiny gap between its tail and body. It was hard to see with the naked eye but with the help of Boundless Vision, the gaps between the scales were magnified. With the right angle, it was not difficult to force a sharp blade into the gap. It was the Silverscale Pangolin's ass\*le, a soft and delicate part of its body. The hole Lin Huang stabbed into earlier was its ass\*le...

Going through the last corridor, Lin Huang was close to the end. Just as he was walking out of the exit, he heard a distinctive voice coming out of the loudspeaker.

"Congratulations participant No.23, Lin Huang who passed through monster shed No.66 and passed the third assessment!"

Within two minutes after the announcement of the first monster was killed, Lin Huang managed to finish the entire journey.

"That's quick!" Many of the participants exclaimed. Even the

head examiner Jiang Sen could not help but to look at Lin Huang's performance in the second and third monster cages. He could feel the Silverscale Pangolin's pain when he saw Lin Huang's stab its ass\*le.

"This is isn't just a powerful Imperial Censor. He actually has a good understanding of all monsters' habits and weaknesses! His mentality and ability are considered to be close to that of a genius. I must recommend him to the management." Jiang Sen nodded in satisfaction. After downloading the complete video clip of Lin Huang's performance, Jiang Sen wrote a short report and sent it to the Hunter Association of the Division7's headquarter together with the video clips.

In reality, not many people knew that aside from the recruitment of Copper Hunters through the annual assessment of the Hunter Association, there was a secret evaluation. All head examiners could recommend participants that they deemed fit individually to the headquarter. Each head examiner would a quota of three recommendations in each assessment. If any of the recommended participants were selected, the particular head examiner would be given a luxurious reward.

Aside from managing the assessment, the responsibility of a head examiner was also to source for talents for the Hunter Association. However, not many participants could pass the evaluation. There were around 180 assessment points in the entire Division7 with five head examiners each. With two assessment annually and three recommendation from each head examiner, the Hunter Association would receive more than 5,000 recommendations in Division7 alone. However, there would be less than 10 people who could pass and it was usually only four to five people who would



pass the evaluation.

When the list arrived at the headquarter, the respective managers would go through the list for a preliminary review. After that, the documents would be given to the other managers for a review. After the review was over, the managers would conduct a meeting with each other for a final review. Once the final review was over, an application for intensive training would be carried out. Once a participant arrived at this stage, they were considered to be a member of the intensive training group. As long as the participant was not involved in the underworld, they would remain eligible for the intensive training group.

After Lin Huang's name was sent, he passed the preliminary review and review. As the managers were all transcendents, they could tell that Tyrant was a double mutated monster with one glance. Theoretically, an Imperial Censor who owned a double mutated monster would worth the resources that went into intensive training. Soon they arrived at the final review.

The manager who was responsible for the review gathered the 12 managers of the Division7. Besides Xu Tianyu, the rest who presented at the meeting were all holograms.

"Lao Xu, we have been busy with the assessment these past few days. Do you have a recommendation for anyone who had passed your review?" A lady whose age could not be estimated chuckled.

"I think so. That could be the only reason." A hunk nodded in all seriousness.

Xu Tianyu sat on the president's seat and smiled at everyone, "That's right, we have a recommendation here. I can't decide for myself, so I thought I'd ask for your opinions."

Xu Tianyu then played the video clip of Lin Huang during the assessment. Everyone was silent after watching the video.

"Is this it? Are there more videos?" An old man with a white beard and hair bun asked.

"There's none at the moment, the kid only revealed his ability as an Imperial Censor this one time." Xu Tianyu shook his head. "The summoning monster looked like a giant but it's obviously a new type of monster that had gone through two mutations. Aside from its immense strength, it hasn't shown any other abilities that are more powerful."

"How about the Imperial Censor himself? Are there any videos of him in the combat?" Somebody asked.

Xu Tianyu nodded and played the two video clips of Lin Huang that were taken in the following monster cages.

"His mentality isn't bad, movement skills as well. From his sword skill, I can see that he has the standard of a beginner gunmaster. He seems to know monsters well. However, that's one quality that all Imperial Censors should have. As a whole, he is considered a common genius, there's nothing else to shout about." The old man in hairpin commented.

"I wouldn't agree to list him into the intensive training group based on this double mutated monster that has no room for improvement."

"Although this double mutated monster is a new type of monster, what it had shown was merely its strength. It's not difficult to tell that it's just a strength-based monster, something similar to a giant. Even if such a monster manages to become a transcendent, its intelligence would be stunted. Among all the transcendent monsters, this belongs to the weakest kind. If it's similar a double mutated monster who possessed the ability to control people like what we read in the earlier report, I'd definitely agree to put him into intensive training. However, from what we can see from this monster alone, it wouldn't be worth training him in the long run. It's no different from a special monster that went through one mutation. I don't agree about putting him into intensive training."

"With this monster alone, I don't see a future in him. I disagree."  
The lady who spoke earlier shook her head.

"I disagree!"

"I disagree!"

"I disagree!"

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Lin Huang was rejected by everyone in the final review. Xu Tianyu nodded, "I understand, I shall turn him down then."

# Chapter 172: I'm Not Interested In A Flat-Chested Girl

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Lin Huang had no idea that he was being recommended to be included in the intensive training list. He had no idea that he was rejected in the final review. Walking out of the monster shed of the third assessment, a staff from the Hunter Association approached him with his Emperor's Heart Ring.

"Hi there, this is your Emperor's Heart Ring."

Lin Huang put on the Emperor's Heart Ring and turned it on to confirm if it was really his.

"Thank you, may I know when will the fourth assessment commence?"

"Based on our estimation, this assessment should take more than fifty hours so a two-day break will be given to you. The exact timing of the fourth assessment has yet to be confirmed." The staff explained.

"What is this place? Are there any hotels around here?" Since there were still two days from the next round of assessment, Lin Huang thought he would check into a hotel.

"I'm sorry, this is a level-4 wild zone, Little Devil Island. There are no hotels here, all of the participants will have to settle their own accommodation and food during these two days." The staff

explained.

"This is Little Devil Island?!" Lin Huang's eyes were wide opened, his voice a pitch higher than before.

The staff did not understand what was the matter with him as he nodded in confusion

Lin Huang was being dramatic as he had chosen his Life Seed monster to level-up to silver-level before joining the assessment. Coincidentally, the Life Seed monster that he wanted was on this island.

The island was scattered with demon, undead and spiritual monsters. The Life Seed monster that Lin Huang picked was an undead monster called the Silverblade Swordfiend. The reason why he chose this monster was because the monster could obtain a skill that could evolve into a secret skill (Total Domination) after it becomes a transcendent. Before it evolves, it had a talent called Sense Circle . With Sense Circle , the user will be able to see what was happening clearly as it allowed the user to stand in a circle which would act as a sensing area.

After the talent evolves into Total Domination , the user would be able to dominate a part of the area as his own, allowing his attack to reach any part of the territory. It was a powerful attack-based secret skill. Lin Huang picked that particular monster from more than twenty silver-level Life Seed monsters, it was the secret skill that he desired the most.

"Little Devil Island..." Lin Huang's excitement only lasted for a short while, as he began to think of the practicality of the matter,

"It's a little too fast for me to level-up from iron-level to silver-level within half a year. However, since the existence of Tyrant had been revealed, people would think that obtaining a double mutated monster was just my luck since I did not show what I really have and they wouldn't think that I'm worth being trained. It doesn't matter if they knew how fast I could level-up since no one in history could break through to silver-level in half a year. Even if the Hunter Association found out, they might keep the secret for me as they would not want other organizations to take me away..."

Lin Huang had made his decision. Instead of waiting, he has decided to level-up to silver-level on the island before completing the assessment.

"Is the two-day break confirmed?" Lin Huang asked the staff immediately.

"I was thinking about killing some monsters during these two days before I come back for the assessment two days later."

"It's been confirmed. Don't worry, you can train. However, I'd suggest that you get a good rest before the assessment instead of wasting too much strength and energy so you can perform your best in the assessment." The staff nodded but he did not forget to remind him.

"I know what to do, thanks." Lin Huang said and walked hastily into the jungle.

Seeing Lin Huang walk away, Xia Yu hesitated but followed him anyway. Soon, Lin Huang found out that somebody was following him. When he landed on a branch, he turned around and activated his CopperSparrow23 as he pointed at a tree, "Show yourself, stop hiding."

"You're quite alert, aren't you?" Xia Yu walked out from the back of the tree giggling.

"Why're you following me?" Lin Huang asked in an unfriendly manner with his gun was still pointing at her.

Although she seemed harmless, Lin Huang has never underestimated her. Up to this point, Lin Huang had yet to figure out what her purpose of joining the assessment was. From her performance, she did not seem to care about the result of the assessment. Moreover, her ability was quite outstanding. He noticed it when they were fighting for the Weed Crystal earlier. Although she did not give it her all, it was not difficult to tell that bronze-level hunters could not defeat her.

"Nothing, I have nothing going on for the next two days so I thought I'd join you." Xia Yu smiled at Lin Huang.

"You should go find someone else. I don't have time for this." Lin Huang rejected her straight away. He did not want to be tailed by someone that he was not familiar with.



"Hey, at least I'm a beauty, you should be proud that I'm following you." Xia Yu crossed her arms.

"I don't need that. Also, I'm not interested in flat-chested girls. Stop following me." Lin Huang kept his gun and summoned the Alexandrian Eagle. He disappeared from Xia Yu's field of vision quick.

"Flat-chested... How dare he said I'm flat-chested..." Xia Yu was stunned by what Lin Huang said. She was furious and punched the tree next to her. The tree cracked into half.

After freeing himself from Xia Yu, Lin Huang rode on the Alexandrian Eagle and found the coordinates of the Silverblade Swordfiend. The monster only existed in two footholds on the island and there were limited numbers of them. He landed and recalled the Alexandrian Eagle. With Boundless Vision , he ran towards the foothold that had the Silverblade Swordfiend in it. He wanted to find a mutated Silverblade Swordfiend as killing it would result in a higher chance to obtain a Life Seed.

The Silverblade Swordfiend was a humanoid monster with silver armor. The inside of the armor was covered with black fog and there were two flaming eyes showing from within its helmet. It's eyes were its only weakness. Hiding 100 meters away, Lin Huang did not see any mutated ones after walking around its territory. After hesitating for a moment, he summoned the Alexandrian Eagle and headed to the second foothold.

When he arrived in the second foothold, Lin Huang stayed hundreds of meters away while browsing his selections. The Silverblade Swordfiend had a sensing area of its own, if one stepped into the area, it would start attacking. After taking a stroll, Lin Huang was disappointed that he did not see any mutated ones. However, it was at that moment that a Silverblade Swordfiend turned around and looked directly at him.

He had been discovered! Lin Huang was shocked at first, but soon he grew excited as the Silverblade Swordfiend had only one eye, a sign that it was mutated. He stood 200 meters away from the monster - 100 meters outside the Silverblade Swordfiend's sensing area. However, he was detected by the Silverblade Swordfiend. Lin Huang was sure this was the one-eyed monster that he had been looking for!

# Chapter 173: One-Eyed Swordfiend

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Lin Huang did not move when he realized that the One-Eyed Swordfiend had discovered his existence. However, the other Silverblade Swordfiends nearby seemed to have sensed him approaching as well and they all looked at Lin Huang's direction. He knew that the Silverblade Swordfiend had telepathic abilities, as soon as one of them discovered enemies within the sensing circle, the information would be shared with all of their comrades nearby.

Lin Huang's excitement faded as he noticed that more than 10 Silverblade Swordfiend looking at him in unison. There were more than 80 Silverblade Swordfiends in the entire foothold, all of them should know where Lin Huang's location was by now. As the One-Eyed Swordfiend made its first move, the other Silverblade Swordfiends seemed to receive an instruction to attack Lin Huang all at once. All of them ran towards the location where Lin Huang was hiding.

"I thought I could get the Ghastly Clown to lure it out. Now, it seems like the only solution is to use violence..." Lin Huang shook his head. "Come out, Tyrant!"

Tyrant appeared before Lin Huang immediately.

"Beat up those with two eyed ones and capture the one with one eye." Lin Huang instructed.

Tyrant then plunged towards the bunch of Silverblade

Swordfiends surrounding them. Lin Huang was like a helpless sheep with the Silverblade Swordfiendss surrounding him; it was hard to break away from them. Tyrant punched at them with his fists and with every punch, several Silverblade Swordfiends would be defeated, none were able to defeat Tyrant.

More than 10 Silverblade Swordfiends were defeated quickly. Although they were still alive, the armor they had on had become deformed and it would take some time for them to recover. Tyrant then aimed his attacks at the One-Eyed Swordfiend. The One-Eyed Swordfiend seemed to know that Tyrant's mutation level was higher than its own but it attacked Tyrant without fear. A long sword stabbed at Tyrant's throat. The speed was terrifying, Lin Huang could only see its shadow as it attacked.

However, the attack merely left a crack that was less than one centimeter with the thickness of a hair and Tyrant recovered from the injury in no time. When the One-Eyed Swordfiend planned to attack again, it was choked by Tyrant and was immobilized. After the One-Eyed Swordfiend was captured, Tyrant walked to Lin Huang and presented the One-Eyed Swordfiend to Lin Huang, bowing down before him. It did not let go of the One-Eyed Swordfiend, but instead, showed its head to him.

Lin Huang was surprised at its gesture, he held his head up and asked Tyrant, "You knew that its weakness was its eyes?"

Tyrant nodded.

"Do you also know that I'm killing it for my Life Seed upgrade?" Lin Huang asked again.

Tyrant nodded again.

Lin Huang realized that he had underestimated Tyrant's intelligence. He had always thought that there was no improvement in Tyrant's intelligence even after it mutated twice. However, it seemed like its intelligence was similar to Bai's. If the managers of the Hunter Association were watching this, they would be shocked.

The giants and monsters that were similar to the giants were never appreciated because even when they mutated twice, it would not affect their intelligence much. Even if they became transcendent, they would have to fight with their instincts. The most they could do were to attack with explosive strength, the growth rate of their intelligence was too low.

"Tyrant, you surprised me today!" Lin hung complimented.

Tyrant smiled so wide that its teeth were showing, Lin Huang did not know it was able to smile.

"Alright, hold it still. I'm going to kill it." Lin Huang took out the black relic battle sword from his storage space. A glow from his sword flashed in the air and the tip of the sword stabbed right into the One-Eyed Swordfiend's eye. Soon, a notification popped up.

"Congratulations, you have received a rare Monster Card - One-Eyed Swordfiend!"

Before Lin Huang could even look at the details of the card, he was covered in a white Life Light. His body was transforming. Under the bright Life Light, the color of the Life Wheels in his body was changing. It was now an extravagant silver color. From the six circles of columns, three more were added to his Life Wheel, making it nine circles now. The columns on every circle were the same as before, 360 columns. The newly added columns were empty and had no Life Power.

Within the Life Wheels, the initial six circles were filled with Life Power. The color was changing too, it was now a silver color from its original turquoise color. The four Life Wheels that were duplicated using the Life Power Storage Cards were transforming too. Once the transformation completed, a grayish black bead that was the size of a thumb dropped from the One-Eyed Swordfiend's body and drilled itself into the new silver Life Wheel in Lin Huang's body.

"New Life Seed has been identified, would you like to turn it into a card?" Xiao Hei asked.

"Yes." Lin Huang nodded. Soon, Xiao Hei spoke again.

"Life Seed has been made into a card."

Lin Huang then took a look at the new Life Seed card.

"Life Seed Card"

"Life Seed Name: Sensing Circle"

"Rarity: Rare"

"Type: Psychic"

"Talent effect: It could allow the user to stand in the circle which became the sensing area. Within the area, the user could sense what is happening crystal clear within the radius of 300 meters."

"Card Remarks: Nothing special"

Now that his Life Wheels had transformed and the new Life Seed was in hand, the entire Life Light Baptism was completed. Lin Huang looked at the Rare Monster Card that he had just obtained.

"Monster Card"

"Rarity: Rare"

"Monster Name: One-Eyed Swordfiend"

"Type of Monster: Undead Monster"

"Combat Level: Silver-level rank-3"

"Skill 1: Killer Sword (Advance)"

"Skill 2: Dark Sword"

"Skill 3: Sensing Circle"

"Summoning Limit: Activated"

"Card Remarks: Nothing special"

Noticing two skills he had never seen before, Lin Huang read the details of the skills.

" Killer Sword (Advance) : An exclusive skill of swordfiends. Great killer attack skill."

"Dark Sword: Contaminated sword. Though it would still be able to retain its original powers and speed, the contamination would enhance the sword to improve its power."

"These three skills are basically useless to me. I'm not sure what'll become of them when they're upgraded to epic-level." Lin Huang was left with two Advance Cards which was perfect to upgrade the One-Eyed Swordfiend. Just when he planned to use the advance cards, he sensed something going on within the 300 meters sensing circle.

A small-sized girl was walking towards his direction. Lin Huang



frowned as he knew who it was. He kept the card in his hands immediately while recalling Tyrant. He managed to keep the One-Eyed Swordfiend's body into his storage space. Soon, the girl stopped and hid behind a tree when she was 100 meters away from him.

"You really have nothing better to do, Xia Yu." Lin Huang looked at the location that she was hiding.

"How did you find out when I'm so far away!" Xia Yu showed herself, she could sense the change to Lin Huang's aura.

"You have leveled-up to silver-level? How did you complete the Life Seed monster kill within such a short period of time?"

Lin Huang did not want to bother himself with her. Since his purpose here was complete, there was no need for him to stay. He turned around and attempted to leave.

"Hey! Although I didn't see the battle, I heard the roar of the beast from afar. If I'm not mistaken, it was your summoning monster." Xia Yu tried asking again.

"That's none of your business." Lin Huang summoned the Alexandrian Eagle. Just as he was about to ride it, Xia Yu spoke again. "Many organizations are recruiting Imperial Censor, why would you choose to join the Hunter Association?"

Hearing what she asked, Lin Huang turned around, "So, which

organization do you represent?"

"What are you talking about? I don't understand." Xia Yu pretended to not know what Lin Huang was asking.

"I have no idea about your intention of participating in the assessment. However, I know very well that it's not to become a hunter. If you'd like to recruit me, aren't you supposed to let me know the name of your organization at least?" Lin Huang did not want to play games with her anymore.

"I really don't know what are you talking about. What organization name? My intention of joining the assessment is to become a hunter! What else could it be?" Xia Yu looked innocent.

"Alright then. No matter what you're here for, stop trying to pull me in. I'm not interested in joining any other organization. I don't care even if you're one of the people from the underworld or anywhere else for that matter. If you bug me again, I will not go easy on you! This is the last warning, stop following me." Lin Huang gave her a deadly stare.

Sensing that Lin Huang had the intention to kill her, Xia Yu replied, "I won't follow you then, is it necessary to be rude?"

Lin Huang rode on the Alexandrian Eagle and left. Seeing Lin Huang leaving far away, Xia Yu's innocent face turned cold. She smirked, "Interesting guy, seems like I can't play with him at the moment. I really need to get my thing going within these couple of days..."

# Chapter 174: Fourth Assessment

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When Lin Huang returned from the third assessment after resting for two days, his combat level had already upgraded to silver-level rank-3.

In those two days, he brought Tyrant along to kill silver-level monsters. His Life Power constantly increased, having nine of Life Power columns in all four duplicate Life Wheels overflow. However, he had only accumulated 200 columns in the ninth column of his actual Life Wheel. Lin Huang intentionally left it at this amount of Life Power, so that he would not accidentally get a Life Light Baptism from killing gold-level monsters.

The upgrade in Lin Huang's combat level resulted in the ability to summon four monsters. The Epic level cards - Bai, Tyrant, Charcoal and the clown had been automatically upgraded to gold-level rank-3 as well.

Although the Demonic Dandelion Vine was an Epic level card, its combat level still remained at silver-level rank-3. The reason why it was not upgraded was probably because it had undergone mutation in a different way in the past. Lin Huang would attempt to train the Demonic Dandelion Vine after he had completed the assessment. Parasites that had gone through two mutations were rare and useful.

For the One-Eyed Swordfiend, Lin Huang did not upgrade him after he was attacked by Xia Yu. Lin Huang was focused on killing monsters to increase the Life Power in his body and had completely forgotten about it.

Lin Huang saw hundreds of colorful tents as soon as he returned to the third assessment location. The tents were probably set up by the candidates.

A few of the staff were startled when they saw Lin Huang. Since they were also Silver Hunters, they could sense that Lin Huang had upgraded to silver-level.

"You've leveled up?" A man wearing a uniform asked. He was the staff that explained the details to Lin Huang two days ago.

Lin Huang smiled and nodded his head, "The Life Seed that I'm looking for is at the Little Devil Island. That's why I asked you about it that day."

"Congratulations! At silver-level, it's quite easy to pass the assessment." The man in uniform congratulated him.

"Thank you." Lin Huang smiled. He then asked, "The third assessment had not ended yet?"

"There are still few of them in the monster cages. I guess that the result will be released after half an hour."

"How many of them had passed the third assessment?" Lin Huang asked again.

"There are currently 481 of them." The staff told him as it was not a secret.

"There are more than 5000 candidates who joined the third assessment. Only about 480 of them passed. The passing rate is low as there were less than one-tenth of them that passed the assessment." Lin Huang sighed, shaking his head.

However, the third assessment was indeed tougher. The first two rounds did not actually evaluate the candidate's abilities. In the third assessment, candidates had to possess actual abilities in order to pass the assessment. Although it was not a must, it would still be difficult for the bronze-level hunters to pass the assessment as the monsters in the monster cage were all silver-level rank-3.

Soon after Lin Huang had returned, people began coming out from the monster cage. Half an hour passed and eight participants came out from the corridors.

One of the staffs immediately received instruction and announced the results of the assessment.

"5541 candidates participated in the third assessment and 489 of them passed. I'll now announce the official end of the third assessment!"

"The head examiner of the fourth assessment is on her way, you can keep your tents first. Please clean up the rubbish so it won't cause pollution..."

After listening to the reminder from the staff, they immediately kept their tent and cleaned the rubbish on the floor.

Lin Huang was surprised to see that the people in this world had environmental awareness?!

At about nine o'clock in the morning, the head examiner finally arrived at the examination site, riding on a Four-Winged Dragon Condor.

Looking at the unusually good-looking Four-Winged Dragon Condor, many of the candidates were envious of him.

The Four-Winged Dragon Condor was not considered to be a sky dragon. It was only considered to be a gold-level mutated monster with a low density of dragonkin blood. If the monster was upgraded to transcendent and went through two rounds of mutation, it was possible that it could evolve and become a sky dragon. However, to many of the participants that were not even an Imperial Censor, they felt envious of the head examiner that had this monster to ride on.

Lin Huang smiled. If his Alexandrian Eagle was upgraded to gold-level, it would be as good-looking as the Four-Winged Dragon Condor.

As soon as the Four-Winged Dragon Condor landed safely on the ground, the head examiner then got off the dragon condor and quickly recalled it. She did not use a monster taming token. Obviously, she was also an Imperial Censor.

The head examiner was a woman who looked tough and was dressed in a blue suit. Her hair was cut just below ear level. Although she tried her best to look mature, one could still see that she was only 20 or even less. However, she was tall and clocked in at a height of about 1.8 meters when she was on her heels.

"My name is Mu Lan. I am the head examiner of the fourth assessment..."

Everyone was shocked when they heard her name.

"Is she the girl who ranked fourth on the Gold Hunter Leaderboard?!"

"I think it's her. I heard that Mu Lan has short hair and likes to dress in a simple uniform. She doesn't like to wear dresses."

"Aside from majoring in the sword, I've also heard that Mu Lan is an Imperial Censor."

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When she heard everyone talking about her, Mu Lan maintained a neutral facial expression and said, "I know that many of you might have heard of my name. However, the assessment is about to start. Please don't waste your time on this. I'm the head examiner of this examination site. If anyone of you interrupts me, you'll be disqualified."

As soon as she finished her sentence, everyone became silent.

"I'll now talk about the rules for the next round of the assessment. We are now on Little Devil Island. There are demonic, undead and spiritual monsters around the level-4 wild zone. There are many gold-level monsters at the center of the island. Please try to avoid them."

"The rules are simple. You're given 15 days to kill five different silver-level monsters and bring their carcasses back. If you do that, you would have passed the assessment."

Many of them were stunned as they listened to the rules of the assessment. It was difficult enough when they had to pass the monster cage during the previous assessment. They had to hunt down the monsters in this round?!

"Hunting down monsters was possible as long as one was at silver-level rank-1 to silver-level rank-3. There's no restriction on how you kill the monsters. You can use whatever you have in your storage space. You can even buy whatever you need from our staff. However, we don't provide powerful weapons..."

At that moment, one of the candidates raised his hand.

Mu Lan then looked at him, nodding her head, "Please say."

"What's the price?" The candidate asked.



"It's the same as the market price. We don't earn extra credit points." Mu Lan explained.

After answering his question, another candidate raised his hand.

"Can we form a team to kill the monsters?"

"Yes, you can." Mu Lan nodded her head.

Lin Huang then raised his hand too.

Similarly, Mu Lan looked at him and nodded her head, "Please ask."

"Can we steal the carcasses from the others?" Lin Huang asked with a smile. Many of the candidates shifted their gazes towards him as he asked.

By asking this question, Lin Huang's intention was not to snatch their carcasses away but to sell them at a higher price.

"Yes, you can. However, you're not allowed to kill people. A murderer will be blacklisted forever." Mu Lan frowned and answered.

After answering these few questions, they did not ask any other question. Mu Lan then said, "This assessment allows you to kill

monsters based on your own creativity. I gave all of you 15 days to complete this assessment by hunting down five different monsters. That being said, you'll have three days prepare yourselves before killing each of the required monsters. It can actually be killed instantly. However, you'll be given three days to collect more information about the monster like its living habits and weaknesses before you decide on a strategy to kill it. Please don't waste your time on nonsense and plan your strategy properly. It's not difficult to pass the assessment."

When she uttered that last sentence, she glanced at Lin Huang.

After explaining the rules of the assessment, Mu Lan lowered her head and looked at the time, "It is now 9.40 a.m. 15 days later, candidates that come back to me with the carcass of five different silver-level monsters before 10 a.m. will pass the assessment. Also, the carcasses have to be monsters on Little Devil Island. Using other monsters to meet the monster count will cause you to fail the assessment."

She gazed upon the crowd and since nobody raised any more questions, Mu Lan announced, "The fourth assessment starts now!"

# Chapter 175: Not A Peaceful Night

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Right after the head examiner had made her announcement, many of them began looking for teammates on the spot. Killing monsters in a team would, of course, be much easier than hunting them alone.

Some of them asked Lin Huang to team up. However, Lin Huang just smiled and refused. He went into the forest alone. After walking for a short while, he then jumped into a tree.

The tree was located east of the examination site and was also the spot where most of the monsters gathered so many people would pass by this place.

Lin Huang sat leisurely on one of the tree branches, patiently waiting for the rest of them to team up.

It would be too obvious if he sold monster carcasses in front of the head examiner. If selling monster carcasses was prohibited, he would not be able to earn some extra credit points. Lin Huang then went to a place that was out of the range of her vision.

Soon, the first team came.

One of the members of the team had bought some weed from Lin Huang before. He could recognize Lin Huang. Seeing him sitting leisurely on the tree, he invited Lin Huang to join them.

"Lin Huang, it seems like you're not worried about the assessment at all. You can actually join us."

"I have killed enough monsters in the past two days. I have extra, you can look for me if you want to buy any." Lin Huang smiled proudly, "You can choose any monster that you want that's from silver-level rank-1 to silver-level rank-3."

"Is that true? All of them are monsters from Little Devil Island?" They were interested in buying some.

"Yes, of course. After the third assessment, I went hunting for monsters as I have nothing to do. I didn't know that the task to be completed in this round of the assessment would be this." As soon as Lin Huang finished his sentence, he jumped down from the tree, taking out three monster carcasses, "Here they are. I have carcasses of monsters ranked silver-level rank-1 to silver-level rank-3."

"They were indeed monsters from Little Devil Island!" They had done some research on the monster that would appear on this island. They could recognize that the carcasses were the monsters living on this island.

"How much does it cost?! How much does it cost!?" They immediately surrounded him.

"It's not that expensive. Three Life Crystals for the silver-level rank-1 carcasses, six Life Crystals for those on silver-level rank-2, and nine Life Crystals for the silver-level rank-3 carcasses." Lin Huang then told them the price.

"The price is 10 times higher than what's on the market. It's almost the same as the price of a gold-level carcass..." They immediately expressed their dissatisfaction with the prices.

"When something is scarce, it is valuable. Can you find another seller? Think about it, if you were to kill them on your own, it's a waste of time and strength and they might even hurt you. If you're unlucky, you might even encounter mutated monsters and get killed by them. It might be slightly more expensive to buy the carcasses from me. However, it saves you time and strength and it's convenient. If you were to buy the silver-level rank-1 carcasses, it'll only cost 15 Life Crystals to buy five of them. With just 15 Life Crystals, you're guaranteed to pass the fourth assessment. Why not go ahead with it?"

As Lin Huang saw that they were still hesitating, he added, "Well, there are five of you here. If all of you are going to buy the silver-level rank-1 carcasses, it'll cost 75 Life Crystals in total. Since you're my first customers, I'll give them to you at 80% of the price. You'll only need to pay 60 Life Crystals which means you'll each have to fork out 12 Life Crystals. That's the best price that I can offer. Hurry up if you want to buy them. Perhaps after today, you won't get it at this price anymore."

Few of them hesitated for a moment and the one who had bought the crystalized weed from Lin Huang in the past said, "I'll buy them from you! It's the fourth assessment. If we can pass this, there's only one more round to go. We should conserve our physical strength so that we can be more relaxed during the next round. Also, if we can become a Regular Hunter, it'll be easy to earn back the credit points."

After making his payment, Lin Huang took out various types of silver-level rank-1 carcasses while the rest of them were still hesitating. There were 17 different types.

"Here are 17 types of silver-level rank-1 carcasses. Choose any five that you like. Not many of these are left."

When the rest of them saw the carcasses and heard that not many of them left, they finally said, "I'll buy some!"

The first deal was done.

Five of them left with their carcasses. Of course, they did not complete the mission immediately or the head examiner might suspect something.

People behind them saw the five of them buying carcasses from Lin Huang so they went after him.

Lin Huang's business was growing quickly.

Many of them left when they heard that the price was 10 times higher than the market price, but many of them still chose to accept the offer.

Lin Huang sold thousands of silver-level rank-1 carcasses in just one day, earning more than 3000 Life Crystal.

The market was eventually tapped out by Lin Huang after selling so many of the monster carcasses. There were less than 500 candidates and more than 200 of them had bought the carcasses. The rest of them had either refused to buy any or had gone to some other places. Lin Huang was getting too lazy to try and profit from them.

It's late. Lin Huang then set-up his tent. "I've earned quite a satisfying amount today. I should claim the cross-ranking kill reward tomorrow. Then, it'll be time to complete the mission."

After having his dinner, he went back to his tent and read some news before he slept.

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However, it was not a peaceful night.

Lin Ziluo was one of the candidates. It was not easy for him to pass the first three rounds. Since they had all bought five carcasses from Lin Huang during the fourth round, the team they formed earlier had disbanded.

Exploring the forest alone, he found an area where monsters were less likely to appear and set-up his tent.

"I'll rest here for the next few days in my tent. After passing the carcasses to the head examiner, I'll pass the assessment..." Lin

Ziluo ate some snacks before going into the tent.

After lying in the tent for a short while, Lin Ziluo could hear a tiny squeak coming from outside the tent.

"Who are you?!" He got up, turning the weapon ring on his hand into a sword.

A long sword suddenly pierced through the tent with the tip aimed at his neck.

"Come out!" The voice of a young man was heard from outside.

Lin Ziluo slowly walked out of the tent. He then realized that he was one of the candidates.

"Eh, you're also a candidate. Why are you trying to kill me? The head examiner said we shouldn't waste time on nonsense. You should focus on hunting monsters." Lin Ziluo raised both of his hands. However, he had a gut feeling that the candidate wouldn't have the guts to kill him.

"Who's a candidate? I was never interested in joining the Hunter Association." The young man waved his left hand, letting the blade glide across Lin Ziluo's neck causing him to instantly faint.

The young man then took out a fist-sized cage and opened the top of the cage. He then put Lin Ziluo who had fainted into the cage. There were already a few people in the cage and they had all



fainted.

Shrinking it down and wearing it cage around his waist, the young man left quickly.

When Lin Ziluo regained his senses, the sky had brightened.

He was shocked as he quickly checked his surroundings. He was in a big cage.

There were about 30 of them. Some of them had woken up while some of them were still in a coma.

They looked familiar as most of them seemed to be the candidates of the assessment.

"Anyone knows what's happening? Where's this place? Is this the fifth assessment?" Lin Ziluo asked one of the young men beside him.

"I just woke up too. I don't know what's happening." The young man shook his head.

"I think we were caught by the heretics..." One of the women explained, "There was a symbol of the heretics tattooed on the neck of the person that caught me last night."

"Tattoo... I saw it too..." Lin Ziluo then recalled it as he heard

what the woman said. "There were three crosses. One of them was bigger while the other two were smaller. They were tattooed on the left side of his neck! It's definitely the symbol of the heretics..."

"We're doomed. The Heretic Organization is one of the strongest forces in the underworld. If we're caught alive, we might be killed and turned into human steamed buns or dumplings..." Lin Ziluo began to think of nonsense once as he knew that he was caught by the heretics.

"Eh, stop saying that. I have a strong urge to pee. I can't stand it anymore..." Another young man beside him immediately said.

"We have to inform the others to rescue us." Lin Ziluo then thought rationally and immediately opened the communication web page using his Emperor's Heart Ring.

"It's useless. This is probably a prison-like relic. The Emperor's Heart Ring has no signal here at all. We're not capable of breaking through this cage as well." The woman said again. "We can only hope that they'd notice us missing and come rescue us. The one who catches us is capable of activating this relic. That being said, he's also at least gold-level. Only the head examiner can defeat him..."

"The head examiner gave us 15 days to complete the assessment. Since they've already caught us, I believe that they'd have their ways to escape this island in a short period of time. We'd have probably left Little Devil Island before the head examiner even notices this. Then, no matter how powerful Mu Lan is, there's no way we can be rescued." Lin Ziluo analyzed the situation and said.

After listening to what Lin Ziluo said, everyone kept quiet, looking forward for the worst

## Chapter 176: Encountering The Heretics

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It was a sunny morning on Little Devil Island. Although the name of the island was unpleasant, there were many monsters wandering around and it was lush with plants. The air in the morning was filled with the fresh fragrance of flowers. Lin Huang woke up at seven, stretched his body as he walked out of the tent and as he took a deep breath, he exclaimed, "The air is so fresh!"

After cleaning himself and snacks as his breakfast, Lin Huang kept his tent and summoned the Viridian Wolf. Riding on the Viridian Wolf, Lin Huang headed to the center of the island. He did not summon the Alexandrian Eagle as the island was not that big anyway. With the Viridian Wolf's speed, he could arrive at his destination in half an hour. Since he had just woke up, he wanted to warm himself up by killing some monsters along the way.

After riding more than 20 kilometers in the jungle, all the monsters that he encountered along the way were easily killed using his sword. The Viridian Wolf did not even need to decrease its speed at all. Suddenly, he patted the Viridian Wolf's back and it stopped running immediately. The silver ring on Lin Huang's right middle finger was transformed into a modified SilverPhoenix16 and he held the gun in his right hand; it was the gun that he traded from the Purple Crows using his accumulated points in the past.

He recalled the Viridian Wolf, turned around and shouted at the tree behind him, "Who is that?!"

With the sensing circle, nothing within the radius of 300 meters could escape Lin Huang. He could sense that there was someone

following him since a while ago. Although the sensing circle did not allow him to see the person's face, he could sense the person's height and body size. Lin Huang was sure that it was not Xia Yu.

"You are the only one who could tell that I'm following you." A muscular young man revealed himself. Lin Huang could tell that he was one of the participants who passed the third round of assessment. However, the man did not conceal his aura. Lin Huang could sense that the man was much stronger than he was.

After checking him out, Lin Huang noticed that there were three cross tattoos on the left side of his neck.

"Are you one of the heretics?"

"That's right." The strong young man nodded. "I know your name, Lin Huang. You are the most outstanding one in the assessment. You managed to kill a mutated silver-level rank-3 monster when you were only a bronze-level rank-3. You probably have a powerful summoning monster. Am I right?"

"Since you already know that I do, aren't you afraid that I'll summon my monster and kill you? I'm already silver-level now." Lin Huang smiled.

"Of course I am not afraid. Although you have concealed your aura, you are only a silver-level rank-1. You must have only leveled-up during the past two or three days. No matter how much Life Crystals you have, you won't be able to go to silver-level rank-2 in such a short period of time. Which probably means that the

strongest summoning monster that you have would only be a gold-level rank-3. I am already gold-level rank-3." Although the muscular man seemed confident, he did not attack Lin Huang. He seemed to be afraid of Lin Huang's summoning monster.

"So? Are you here to kill me or recruit me?" Lin Huang asked.

"Of course I'm here for the latter. We heretics are always the peacemakers." The muscular man laughed.

"If I reject your recruitment offer, you would definitely kill me. Isn't that what the underworld organizations always do? Do you think that's a peaceful solution?" Lin Huang said in a sarcastic tone.

"No, we don't do that. We like to capture those who reject us and work on their minds until they become one of us." The man shook his head and laughed.

"So you mean brainwashing? You're really different from the rest..." Lin Huang was speechless. "Why me?"

"It's not only you. All the kids who passed the third assessment in this area are our targets. You're the 36th person. From the progress, I believe me and my partner can capture all the targets before noon so that the Hunter Association would get nothing!" The man laughed.

"So you let the Hunter Association do the grunt work while you

reap the harvest?" Lin Huang finally understood what the man was thinking, "However, there are less than 500 people who passed the third assessment. Even if you captured all of us, that would do little to your organization. Unless..."

The man's tone suddenly became serious, "Boy, you're asking too many questions."

Suddenly, he launched his attack by attempting to catch Lin Huang with his hands that had claws on them.

"Tyrant!"

Tyrant then appeared before Lin Huang and punched the man.

"Go away!" The man shouted, his held his fist tight and punched hard in Tyrant's fist. Both of their fists collided and an intense wave was generated from their fists colliding, causing dust to fly everywhere.

Even Lin Huang who was standing behind Tyrant covered his mouth and nose with his sleeve. Then, a bang was heard and the man flew 10 trees away and fell to the ground while Tyrant remained standing. Lin Huang was stunned at how powerful Tyrant's punch was. He knew very well that if he was punched like that, he would have died after crashing into the trees. However, since the man was higher leveled than Lin Huang, perhaps he would not die so easily.

"Tyrant, see if he's dead. If he's isn't, don't kill him, I need to talk to him." Lin Huang said to Tyrant. Tyrant nodded and walked towards the man. A few moments later, Tyrant came back with the man and placed the man on the ground. He was dying, the golden armor on him was destroyed by Tyrant's punch. If it was not for the layer of protection, he would have died instantly.

However, he might not be able to live long anyway.

"You're not silver-level rank-1..." The man looked at Lin Huang in hatred.

"I never said that I was. It was you who assumed it." Lin Huang shook his head.

"An Imperial Censor who has a double mutated summoning monster and also happens to be a genius... You are worth dying to..." The man said and vomited blood.

It was obvious that his organs were damaged from Tyrant's punch earlier. He would not live any longer.

"I have a question for you." Lin Huang squat down.

"I won't tell you anything, don't waste your time." The man looked away instead of looking at Lin Huang."

"You have no say in that." Lin Huang said as he summoned the Ghastly Clown.



"Isn't this clown the one who appeared in Daxi City earlier?" The man knew about the appearance of the Ghastly Clown clown in Daxi City, he was shocked to see it with Lin Huang, "Who are you?!"

"Clown, control him." Lin Huang frowned, he did not expect the man to recognize the clown.

A mask was formed in the clown's hand. After putting the mask on, the clown's face was transformed into the man's face.

"Are there more assessment locations that have been invaded? How many of them have been invaded?" Lin Huang asked the questions in his mind.

"Among the 180 locations in Division7, we have invaded 63 of them."

"What is your intention? Is it really to take away all the talents?" Lin Huang asked again.

"Yes, to cultivate them into members of our organization."

"How did you guys get into the assessment?" Lin Huang could guess the answer to this question but he was not sure.

"We have spies in the Hunter Association who helped us with our

IDs in the assessment location. Our aura was sealed by an immortal-level human and there are also experts who helped us cover our organization tattoo and other marks that might reveal our identity."

"How many of you are here in this location, what are their abilities?" Lin Huang proceeded to ask.

"There are a total of 11 of us, one holy fire-level transcendent and 10 gold-level rank-3 hunters.

Lin Huang was shocked at the answer, he did not expect a holy fire-level transcendent to participate in this. The head examiners of the assessment were only gold-level, even Mu Lan who ranked No.4 on the Gold Hunter leaderboard might not be able to fight a holy fire-level transcendent.

"Does the same apply to the other locations?"

"Yes, it's always led by one holy fire-level manager with a team of 10 to 12 gold-level rank-3 hunters.

After hearing what he had to say, Lin Huang was sure that the Hunter Association was at a loss.

"Where do you guys keep the participants that you manage to capture?" Lin Huang was wondering about that.

"In the dark pseudo-prison. The dark pseudo-prison is a one-time

relic that imitates the five-star relic, the dark prison. It can capture creatures who had lost their consciousness but once the creatures were released, it would disappear. All of us have one of them with us when we go on this mission."

From what the man explained, Lin Huang could tell that the man would make someone unconscious and place them into the dark pseudo-prison. He then noticed that there was a black cage on the man's waist, he thought it was an odd accessory. Picking up the cage, Lin Huang asked, "Is this the dark pseudo-prison that you're talking about? How do I release the people in there?"

"Yes, there's a spiral Life Pattern on the cage. All you'll need to do is to insert your Life Power and follow the pattern three times."

"When you've completed your mission, how do you leave the assessment location?" Lin Huang could guess the answer as well but he wanted to know more.

"The leader would use a one-time dimensional portal and meet us at...." The man vomited blood again and started to cough. Lin Huang looked at the Ghastly Clown next to him, the clown shook its head. Lin Huang knew that there was no way that he could ask further.

After coughing vigorously, the man spat out a mouthful of blood and died. The mask on the Ghastly Clown's face disappeared.

"Sigh, I almost got their meeting point and time..." Lin Huang shook his head and sighed.

# Chapter 177: Reporting To The Management

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Lin Huang did not expect that he would encounter such a thing when he participated in the assessment. The heretics were one of the most powerful organizations in the underworld. For this mission, they have sent out more than 60 transcendents and more than 600 gold-level rank-3 hunters. It was crazy. Since the establishment of the Hunter Association hundreds of years ago, they had never encountered anything like this. What the heretics were doing was completely out of anybody's expectation.

"Seems like I need to inform the head examiner so she can contact the management and send transcendents here as soon as possible!" Lin Huang kept the corpse of the muscular young man as he summoned the Alexandrian Eagle to head to the assessment location.

A couple of minutes later, Lin Huang arrived at the assessment location. The head examiner Mu Lan frowned as she saw him. Lin Huang leaped from the Alexandrian Eagle and walked towards Mu Lan after recalling his monster.

"Only participants who had completed the assessment can be here. You're breaking the rules." One staff said to Lin Huang.

Lin Huang took out the muscular young man's corpse out and looked at the head examiner Mu Lan, "My name is Lin Huang and I'm one of the participants in the assessment. This man is a spy for the heretics. There is a holy fire-level heretic transcendent hunter and 10 gold-level rank-3 hunters that have infiltrated the assessment. We're not the only ones. There are 63 assessment

locations in Division 7 are invaded."

Everyone was shocked when they heard what Lin Huang said.

"How did you know about this?" Mu Lan asked in doubt.

"I managed to ask this man before he died." Lin Huang said and took out the dark pseudo-prison. "This is their purpose, they're here to bring the participants back to brainwash them. The participants are kept in this relic."

Mu Lan took a step and next, she appeared next to Lin Huang, "Dark pseudo-prison?! This belongs to the heretics." She recognized the relic at first glance.

"You can have it. I don't have enough Life Power to release the people." Lin Huang then passed the fist-sized black cage to Mu Lan.

"Follow the pattern and use your Life Power to trace the inscription three times."

Mu Lan took the dark pseudo-prison and looked at Lin Huang, "How do I know that what you've said is the truth? From what I know, the heretics would never reveal anything about their mission."

"I have my ways and I'm sure that the information that I got is the truth." Lin Huang explained to her vaguely.

Mu Lan did not ask further as everybody had their own secret so it was normal for Lin Huang to keep his. Following Lin Huang's instruction, Mu Lan managed to open the dark pseudo-prison and released all the captured participants. The one-time relic then disappeared.

Seeing Mu Lan appear before them, a bunch of participants approached her and talked at the same time.

"Please send one person to explain what had happened. As for the rest of you, do not interrupt!" Mu Lan frowned. The participants were silent. Lin Ziluo was pushed out from the crowd and he gave the complete account of what had happened to them which matched what Lin Huang said.

"Alright, noted. The assessment is going to be put on hold for now, please report to the staff. After you're done, stay with the staff and don't walk around." Mu Lan said and briefed the staff.

"Please report to the management as soon as you can. They have transcendent leaders, we can't fight them. Also, the mission will end by noon and they will leave using a dimensional relic. If we want to save all the participants, we have to move fast!" Lin Huang said immediately after the information was confirmed.

Mu Lan looked at him with a complex expression before she contacted someone. After reporting everything that Lin Huang said, she hung up the phone. She looked worried, "The transcendent will take half an hour to arrive here while the other

assessment locations would start their own investigations. That being said, there's bad news from the headquarters... They told me that members of the heretics would usually inform their leaders about their progress every half an hour. Now that you had killed the man when the leader did not get any response from him, he would know that something had happened to the man."

Lin Huang frowned, if the leader knew that their mission was compromised, he would possibly leave with the rest earlier. It would be difficult for them to get the participants back if that happened. After some silence, Lin Huang spoke again, "If that's the case, we have to move even faster! If we can't fight the transcendent leader, we can kill the rest first and rescue all the participants."

"Could you really fight those gold-level rank-3 hunters?" Mu Lan asked. If Lin Huang had shown his true ability, Mu Lan would not have to ask that.

"Shouldn't be a problem to fight those hunters who are below transcendent." Lin Huang nodded.

"Alright then, let's split up." Mu Lan nodded and turned around to order one of the staff, "Please get all the coordinates of the participants on the island."

"Do you think the heretics should have changed their Emperor's Heart Rings before the assessment? Can we still locate them?" Lin Huang asked.

"It's doable. Within the assessment period, the head examiner had the ability to triangulate their coordinates. As long as they did not throw their Emperor's Heart Rings away, we can track their locations even if their rings were placed in their storage space." Mu Lan explained.

The staff got all the participant coordinates quickly. On the maps, there were only more than 100 yellow dots left. These were the coordinates of the participants that they managed to locate. Mu Lan frowned and scanned her identity code to access the coordinates.

Then, the map was refreshed. There were a couple of red dots that appeared on the map. The red dots were the locations of the Emperor's Heart Rings that were kept in the storage space. Lin Huang frowned as he had yet to get rid of his old Emperor's Heart Ring, it seemed like keeping it with him would be unsafe. It would mean trouble if the Purple Crow managed to locate him using the same method.

"Lin Huang, please add his contact details to your ring. He'll send you a map." Mu Lan said and briefed a couple of the staff members, "Please keep your map activated at all times. If you close it after I leave, you'll need my authorization again and Lin Huang would not be able to see the red dots on the map anymore." The staff nodded. Lin Huang added his contact number to their rings and got the map from them.

"I will start from the east. You take the west." Mu Lan said to Lin Huang and left with her Four-Winged Dragon Condor. Lin Huang summoned Alexandrian Eagle and headed to the west.



# Chapter 178: You've Got Beautiful Eyes

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Lin Huang had finally located the first coordinate of the red dots on the map in the forest west of the assessment location.

Although the red dot was moving quickly, it was impossible for it to move faster than the Alexandrian Eagle.

The Alexandrian Eagle quickly flew towards the man. Lin Huang then recalled his eagle and blocked the man's way.

"Haha, a little brat that comes to me all by himself..." The man looked at Lin Huang and teased.

Lin Huang sized up the man. He was not tall and was rather skinny with pale skin and he looked around 20 years old.

"Are you one of the heretics?"

The young man squinted his eyes as he heard this. "Who are you?"

"I think so." Despite avoiding the question, Lin Huang could still confirm his identity. He extended his hand and summoned Tyrant before commanding, "Kill him!"

The young man immediately became alert when he saw Tyrant. Two of the gold weapon rings were instantly transformed into two

short blades.

Right after Tyrant had received his orders, he thrust forward and struck a blow at the young man.

The next moment, Tyrant's quickly sped up his blow and a loud sound was heard from the sky.

The young man failed to avoid the attack. He lifted his hand and placed both of the short blades in front of his chest.

"Bang!"

There was a loud explosion and the young man was blown away. Both of the short blades he was holding onto flew away.

The young man died after crashing into several huge trees.

"Congratulations, you've obtained a Rare Skill Card - Hundred Flowing Blades '."

Once the notification window popped up, Lin Huang could confirm that the man had died without even going near him.

He did not check the information of the new Skill Card that he had just obtained. Lin Huang instructed Tyrant to collect the corpse and he took both gold-level short blades that had flown away just now. The blades were still functioning well.

After keeping the corpse and the short blades in storage, Lin Huang took out his Emperor's Heart Ring and after staring at the ring for a moment, Lin Huang then threw it at Tyrant's feet and commanded, "Crush it." Tyrant then stepped on the ring and it was instantly broken into pieces.

Lin Huang recalled Tyrant and summoned the Alexandrian Eagle once again and headed towards the second red dot closest to their location on the map.

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Division7, Hunter Association Headquarters .

Mu Lan's information had spread quickly to Xu Tianyu who was the executive officer of the assessment. He then gathered the other executive officers.

In the meeting room, 11 holograms of the executives appeared.

"Old Xu, why are you calling for an urgent meeting? Are you going to talk about the locations for the intensive training again?" One of the executives teased.

"No, it has nothing to do with the locations for the intensive training. One of the head examiners informed me that her examination site was being attacked by the heretics. She said that through a trial, they've discovered that the heretics have sneaked

into 63 examination sites in Division7. They're looking for candidates that have passed our assessment. They will then brainwash them and train them as new members of the Heretic Organization. Among the 63 examination sites, each of them now has a holy fire-level heretic as the leader of the team and 10 Gold-level hunters." Xu Tianyu then reported the information he had to the others.

"I guess it is just a rumor. The heretics have been keeping a low profile all these years. Why would they suddenly do this? Moreover, there are more than 180 examination sites in Division7. If they sneaked into 63 of them, that would mean that we've heretics sneaking into a third of our assessment sites. Do you really think this could happen?!" The executive that teased Xu Tianyu earlier immediately shook his head and refuted in disapproval.

"Tianyu, are you sure she mentioned the heretics?" The old man frowned and asked.

"Yes." Xu Tianyu nodded his head, "Li Lao, why do you ask?"

"A few days ago, Mr. Fu called me. We discussed the assessment. He then reminded me to be aware of the heretics or any other forces. I thought it was just a gentle reminder and did not bother so much." The old man then told him what happened a few days ago.

"Li Lao, is it Mr. Fu from the Union Government?" Xu Tianyu immediately asked while the rest of them shifted their gazes towards Li Lao.

"Other than him, are there any other Mr. Fu's in Division7?" Li Lao glanced at Xu Tianyu.

"If Mr. Fu was the one who reminded you, could it be true? Who told you about this?" A middle-aged woman immediately asked.

"A female head examiner told me about this. I'm not sure who she was. I'll ask them regarding this matter."

"Let's listen to the recording of the call when she informed you about this." Li Lao suggested.

Xu Tianyu nodded his head and played the recording.

After listening to the recording, a woman said, "If I'm not mistaken, that should be Mu Lan's voice. I've met her twice. She's quite good and wouldn't report to you without evidence."

"Is Mu Lan the girl who's ranked fourth on the Gold Hunter Leaderboard?" Many of the executive officers had heard her name before.

"Yes, it must be her. Old Xu, please confirm again." The woman told Xu Tianyu.

After a moment, Xu Tianyu nodded his head, "It's confirmed that the information was provided by Mu Lan."

"It seems that there's indeed something wrong with the assessment." Li Lao and the other executive officers had a serious expression on their faces.

"We can't set up an interdimensional blockade now. Otherwise, the heretics would notice it. They'll escape the interdimensional blockade and leave through the dimensional portal before the holy fire rescuers arrive."

"We can't make an official announcement to inform the candidates either as there are heretics among them. We can only inform the head examiners so that they can figure out ways to delay them. It would be best to rescue them without notifying the holy fire heretics."

"We can't stop the assessment. We have to carry on with it. Otherwise, the heretics might notice our actions..."

"Now, we're going to ask our holy fire-level transcendent hunters to go to the nearest assessment site to them. Upon their arrival, only then will we ask them to stop the assessment and set up an interdimensional blockade!"

12 of the executive officers quickly came up with a solution and informed the other assessment sites about it...

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In less than half an hour, Lin Huang killed three heretics continuously.

Just as Lin Huang was getting closer to the fourth red dot, Lin Huang could sense that the opponent was a girl. He activated Boundless Vision and looked through the gaps between the branches and leaves. Lin Huang was stunned when he saw her from the side.

"She's with the heretics!" Lin Huang saw Xia Yu.

While Lin Huang was startled from his discovery, she seemed to have sensed Lin Huang looking at her and she looked in his direction. She grinned and suddenly disappeared.

"Are you looking for me?" A voice was heard behind Lin Huang.

Lin Huang was taken aback as Xia Yu appeared without him noticing. She was less than 10 meters away from him. However, Lin Huang's sensing circle did not respond to her. This indicated that Xia Yu's had the combat ability of a holy fire transcendent. She must be the transcendent leader of the heretics' operation.

"Oh, I just passed by and I sensed that there was a person moving over there. I didn't know that it was you." Lin Huang's heart sank but he did not show it on his face. "I'm going to continue with my monster hunt. You can continue playing."

"Lin Huang, do you really like the Hunter Association so much?

Privileges are only given to the geniuses involved in intensive training while other organizations treat everyone equally. Training resources should only be able to be obtained by hunting down monsters or completing a task with their own two hands."

"Although you are talented, don't ever think about getting a place in intensive training from the Hunter Association. Each year, there are limited slots for intensive training in Division 7. Spots are usually given to the geniuses that are capable of killing enemies that are one level above them." Apparently, Xia Yu did not know that Lin Huang himself had killed a silver-level rank-3 monster during the third assessment. Otherwise, she would not have mentioned this.

"I've told you that I'm not interested in joining you regardless of what organization you're from. You don't need to waste your time on me. I believe there are many other talented people out there. You can look other people." Lin Huang then turned his back to her when he was about to leave.

"We have found many of them and most of them had agreed to join us." Xia Yu laughed as he heard what Lin Huang said.

"Oh, congratulations." Lin Huang then summoned the Alexandrian Eagle.

"You have asked me before which organization I'm from right? Don't you want to know now?" Xia Yu asked with a smile.

"It is best to avoid trouble whenever possible. I'm not interested



any longer." Lin Huang shook his head and rode off on the Alexandrian Eagle.

"What if I insisted on you joining our organization?" Xia Yu tilted her head and asked.

"Bye." Lin Huang patted the Alexandrian Eagle. Fluttering its wings, it flew up to the sky in an instant.

Lin Huang was relieved after he acted stupidly just now. Just as he thought that he had managed to escape, a hand suddenly patted his shoulder.

Lin Huang was frightened. When he turned back, he saw Xia Yu stabilizing herself, standing on the Alexandrian Eagle' back.

"Eh, do you really hate me so much?" Xia Yu crossed her arms in front of her chest.

"When did you come on?!" Lin Huang was startled.

"I followed after you when you took off." Xia Yu said proudly.

"What do you want from me?" Lin Huang was helpless.

"As long as you promise to join us, I'll not bother you anymore." Xia Yu was not giving up.

"What do you like about me? Can I change it to something else?"

"You've got beautiful eyes. If you can give it to me, I'd consider giving up." Xia Yu was simply being unreasonable and Lin Huang was speechless.

At that moment, the communication page of Lin Huang's Emperor's Heart Ring suddenly popped up and rang. It was an unknown number.

"Eh, your Emperor's Heart Ring rang. Aren't you going to answer the call?" Xia Yu asked.

"No. It must be those direct sale calls." Lin Huang shook his head because it was likely Mu Lan's number. Xia Yu was right behind him. If he answered the call, she would have found out.

He directly ended the call. Lin Huang was trying to figure out a way to settle this matter. However, after a short while, the communication page popped up again.

"It's the same number. You should just answer the call." Xia Yu suggested.

"No." Just as Lin Huang was about to end the call, Xia Yu moved a tad bit faster than him and answered the video call.

Mu Lan's face was instantly projected before them. She then said, "Lin Huang, why are your coordinates on the same location as the

red dot? Both of you are heading towards the same direction at a fast speed..."

## Chapter 179: Mu Lan vs Xia Yu

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Once Mu Lan finished speaking, she noticed that there was a girl behind Lin Huang, bending down her body, staring at the projection suspiciously.

"Damn! I'm doomed!" Lin Huang's facial expression changed abruptly and he quickly closed the communication page. He then communicated with the Alexandrian Eagle telepathically.

Flapping hard, it turned a few rounds in the air and attempted to get rid of Xia Yu.

However, Xia Yu's legs seemed to have deeply rooted itself in the eagle's back as she was standing firmly on it even when it struggled. Even if the Alexandrian Eagle was to hang upside down in the air, Xia Yu's legs would never leave the eagle's body.

Lin Huang was the one who had to bend his body down a hug the eagle tightly. He grabbed its feather tightly as he almost fell.

"So all this while, you actually know my identity but you acted ignorantly?" Xia Yu stared at Lin Huang expressionlessly.

"No, I just found out." Lin Huang told her the truth since he knew he could not get rid of her. "I went after the red dot on the map which showed where members of the Heretic Organization was located and you were there."

"How much do you know about us?" Xia Yu's face was very serious.

"Almost everything." Lin Hung felt that there was nothing he could hide anymore.

"Has the woman informed Hunter Association about this?" Xia Yu continued asking.

Although Lin Huang had immediately closed the communication page, he knew who she was referring to.

"Yes, you're right. The operation was uncovered. The Hunter Association would send transcendents to get this settled." Lin Huang nodded his head and said, "You should stop now!"

"In this case, I'll bring you back with me." Xia Yu extended her arms, about to catch him after she finished her sentence.

However, Lin Huang quickly recalled the Alexandrian Eagle before she had even finished her sentence. They both fell in mid-air and Xia Yu's attack missed him.

Just as he was about to reach the ground, he summoned the Alexandrian Eagle again and flew up into the sky.

The Alexandrian Eagle flew up into to the sky but Xia Yu began chasing after them again shortly after.

Xia Yu had a cold, stony expression on her face as she grinned at them. Her voice was clearly heard by Lin Huang, "Do you know that the more you try to fight against me, the more determined I am to bring you back to the heretics?"

"You're such a crazy woman!" Lin Huang scolded her, instructing the Alexandrian Eagle, "Go down!"

The Alexandrian Eagle tucked in its wings and landed on the ground.

"There's no way you can escape!" Xia Yu's voice was heard again. She did not give up the chase, seemingly holding a grudge against Lin Huang.

Before he landed on the ground, the Alexandrian Eagle flapped its wings again and glided through the air.

"Slow down!"

Lin Huang saw a big tree not far away. He leaped towards the tree and used both legs to step on the branches.

He then bounced from branch to branch and fled.

"Do you think that you'll manage to escape just by going into the forest?" Again, Xia Yu's voice was suddenly heard behind him.

When he saw the open space in front of him, he sped up, jumping down from tree branches to land in the open space. He then stopped.

"Why aren't you escaping anymore?" Xia Yu was still floating in mid-air, not touching the ground because she was worried that there were traps on the ground.

"The Alexandrian Eagle can't fly faster than you and I can't run away from you in the forest. Trying to escape is a waste of strength." Lin Huang shrugged his shoulder.

"So are you going to give up and leave with me?" Xia Yu grinned. She was even more interested in Lin Huang after chasing after him.

"Of course not. I won't be influenced so easily." Lin Huang shook his head, "Since I can't run away from you, let's fight!"

"You want to fight me?" Xia Yu laughed when she heard what Lin Huang said. "Do you know my combat level?"

"I know you're a holy fire transcendent." Lin Huang nodded his head.

"Yes, you're right about that. However, I'm not holy fire-level rank-1. I'm a holy fire-level rank-2 instead and I'm about to achieve holy fire-level rank-3. Even if you could summon a gold-level rank-

3 mutated monster, you wouldn't be able to defend yourself against me." Xia Yu grinned when she revealed her actual combat level to him.

Lin Huang had heard about the five colors in the holy fire-level before. After the Life Fire was ignited, each change in the Life Fire color would result in significant improvements in combat level. Those who were on holy fire-level rank-3 could instantly kill creatures on holy fire-level rank-1. Even those who were on holy fire-level rank-2 were much stronger than those on holy fire-level rank-1. It was indeed not exaggerating to say that Xia Yu could kill the gold-level rank-3 mutated monster in an instant.

Lin Huang wanted to summon Tyrant so that he could delay her a little. However, listening to what Xia Yu told him, he hesitated for a while.

At that moment, a screeching sound was heard and a large bird flew towards them.

"Mu Lan?!" Lin Huang could immediately recognize the Four-Winged Dragon Condor.

Xia Yu raised her head as well and looked at the Four-Winged Dragon Condor. She definitely knew who the monster belonged to.

The Four-Winged Dragon Condor flapped its wings and landed on the ground, stirring up a gust of dust.



Mu Lan jumped down from the Four-Winged Dragon Condor and recalled it. She then looked at Lin Huang and asked, "Are you okay?"

"You nearly killed me..." What Lin Huang said was the truth. He might still be hanging in mid-air, attempting to delay her a little while longer if it was not because of her. He would not have had to escape so clumsily.

"I'm sorry. She was right behind you and I didn't notice her at first. I only knew that there was a person behind you right after she bent down her body ..." Mu Lan immediately apologized.

"Hi, head examiner. How are you?" Xia Yu looked at Mu Lan with a smile.

"You're the leader of the heretics?" Mu Lan frowned and looked at Xia Yu as she could not really remember seeing her.

"You're right." Xia Yu smiled as she looked at Mu Lan. "Mu Lan is the daughter of the Mu royal family. You're 17 years old with gold-level rank-3 combat level. You major in the sword and you're an Imperial Censor. You are currently ranked fourth on the Gold Hunter Leaderboard. I can't believe that you came to me by yourself. If I can capture you, this operation won't be considered a failure."

"Then let's see if you're capable of doing so!" Despite facing a transcendent opponent, she showed no fear on her face. She was holding a blue sword relic in her hand.

"You're holding a 5-Star Sea Chasm Sword relic. The Mu family is investing a lot in you. No wonder you're not even afraid of me even though you know fair well that I'm a transcendent." Xia Yu could immediately identify the long sword in Mu Lan's hand.

"I've killed three holy fire transcents using this sword." Mu Lan said coldly.

"It's a good sword. However, you can't change the fact that you're gold-level rank-3. Regardless of how powerful your relic is, you won't be able to fully utilize it." Xia Yu grinned as she said this and a huge black sickle appeared in her hand.

"So big..." Lin Huang sighed as he saw the weapon that looked like Death's Sickle. The size of the sickle did not match Xia Yu's body size. Xia Yu's was about 1.6 meters tall in height but the length of her sickle was approximately two meters.

"I'll show you the true force of a relic when a holy fire transcendent wields it." As soon as she finished her sentence, she turned the large sickle around and grabbed the end of the sword. She seemed to use the sickle with ease.

Her sickle released a beam of black light that caused a stir, distorting the air around it as it flew by.

Although the beam of black light seemed to be moving slowly, Lin Huang could tell that it was not the case because it appeared in front of Mu Lan in an instant.

Xia Yu had apparently excluded Lin Huang from the battle as she believed that Lin Huang would definitely die if her attack hit him as he was only a silver-level hunter. In addition, she was not afraid that Lin Huang would run away as she needed only about two minutes to defeat the daughter of the Mu family. She could catch Lin Huang after that.

Of course, Mu Lan was not going to let this happen.

She did not avoid her attacks at all, unsheathing the sword relic in her hand without a moment's hesitation. A beam of blue light streaked across the sky that resembled a blue comet racing across the sky.

Soon, the tip of her blue sword hit Xia Yu's black sickle.

A loud bang was heard when both weapons touched one another. It was not the sound you would usually hear when weapons collided. It sounded more like two immensely powerful forces crashing together.

After a short while, the glow from the black sickle disappeared. Mu Lan's body then swayed a little and the blue glow appeared again, like a fiery beam that moved towards Xia Yu.

Xia Yu's pupils rapidly dilated, as she put on a serious expression.

She brandished her large sickle again and part of her blades

disappeared. The moment it reappeared, it was already touching the tip of Mu Lan's sword.

A loud explosive noise was then heard.

Mu Lan who was hanging in mid-air was blown away and retreated about 10 meters away.

"No wonder you dared to challenge me. It's unbelievable that the Mu family had taught you The Sword Immortal's Path!" Xia Yu retreated a few meters away too.

"I didn't expect this from you too. As far as I know, Trials of Death is a combat skill that the heretics would only teach the saints. No wonder you're already holy fire-level rank-2 although you're still so young. If you didn't use this skill, I would still think that you're a old woman that behaves like an underage girl." Mu Lan could confirm her identity after the fight.

"Humph, you're not qualified to call me an old aunty. I should be the one addressing you in that way!" Xia Yu was angry.

"So you're admitting that you have stunted growth?" Mu Lan purposely said that with her head held high.

"Damn, old woman!" Xia Yu seemed to be particularly sensitive to this topic. She then waved the sickle in her hand and the blade disappeared again.

Mu Lan stabbed her sword into the ground abruptly and a loud clang was heard. Mu Lan then leaped up in the air, retreating back to a tree not far away. She stepped on the tree trunk and her body disappeared in an instant.

The next moment when she appeared, the tip of the blade and Xia Yu's sickle hit against each other.

"No wonder you could defend against my attacks easily. You're wearing the Revolution Armor which is a 4-Star defensive relic!" Xia Yu finally noticed that as her attacks could do no harm to Mu Lan.

"It's not too late for you to retreat now. We've killed your companion. If you insist on fighting me, you won't be able to escape later when the transcendent team arrives!" Mu Lan knew that her opponent had no way to defeat her and the attacks had no effect on Xia Yu as well.

"Humph! If I can't catch you, I will catch him!" Xia Yu then extended her arms towards Lin Huang...

# Chapter 180: Please Give Me Some Respect

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Lin Huang was alert when both of them were fighting to avoid any unexpected incidents.

As expected, since Xia Yu's attacks were rendered useless, she then shifted her aim back at Lin Huang.

When Xia Yu was coming for him, before she could even launch an attack, Lin Huang commanded, "Tyrant!"

The next moment, Tyrant appeared out of nowhere and stood before Lin Huang. He was completely blocked by Tyrant's large body. Xia Yu could not see a thing!

"Humph!" Xia Yu scoffed as she saw Tyrant appear. She turned the claws on her hands that were about to reach Lin Huang into her palm and slammed them against Tyrant's chest.

She thought that it would be impossible for gold-level rank-3 monsters, even those that had mutated to survive such an attack.

Tyrant retreated a few steps backward as her palm hit him. However, only cracks that looked like spider webs appeared on his chest. A strong shockwave came off Tyrant's body and hit her, causing her to retreat a few steps back too.

Xia Yu was startled and she took a look at Tyrant. The spider web-like cracks that appeared on his chest had healed quickly on

its own while she was looking at it. After a few moments, the cracks had completely healed.

"He's a monster double mutated monster with impressive defensive and self-recovery abilities!" Xia Yu's eyes immediately brightened up.

Even Mu Lan who was standing right next to her was surprised, seeing Tyrant alive despite being struck by Xia Yu's attack. Mu Lan knew how powerful Xia Yu was as she had just fought her. Although she did not attack using her sickle and just used the claws on her hands, a gold-level rank-3 monster would be incapable of defending itself against such an attack.

However, aside than retreating a few steps back, the injuries to Tyrant's body had already healed itself. She instantly knew that Tyrant was a monster that had gone through two mutations.

"His defensive and self-healing abilities are indeed terrifying." Even Mu Lan was amazed by his abilities.

"Lin Huang, you really surprised me!" Xia Yu grinned and said, "Let me test and see the extent of this large creature's defensive abilities."

As soon as she finished her sentence, Xia Yu brandished her large sickle again.

At that moment, there was a beam of blue light that streaked

across the sky, flying rapidly towards Xia Yu.

Xia Yu frowned and she had to defend against the attack.

The black sickle tore through the air and was about to slash at Mu Lan's body.

The large black sickle and the blue longsword then collided once again.

A sizzling sound was heard when the gold and black Life Power crashed into one another. The sound was similar to the sound of flowing electric current.

After a short while, the impact of their Life Power had reached its peak, causing an explosion.

Mu Lan retreated and landed on the ground, directing all of the forces acting on her body into the ground through her armor.

"Daughter of the Mu Family, are you sure that you're not going to give up?" Xia Yu stared at Mu Lan coldly.

"Lin Huang is a member of the Hunter Association. I won't allow you to bring him back. Furthermore, you're a transcendent. How capable are you if you're trying to bully someone who's only silver-level?" Mu Lan stood before Tyrant, having no intention whatsoever to retreat.



"Am I bullying him? I feel that Hunter Association can't provide him with the best training. Therefore, I've decided to bring him to the heretics so that he can be properly trained. I believe that he can shine with the heretics. Also, he hasn't passed the assessment yet so technically, he isn't considered to be a regular member of the Hunter Association yet." Xia Yu looked towards Tyrant's direction.

"He is indeed not a regular member yet. However, he's one of the candidates under my supervision. As the head examiner, I won't let you bring him back. In addition, the Hunter Association would definitely train talented hunters. You don't have to worry about that. I believe that Lin Huang can do well in the Hunter Association." Mu Lan then said.

"So you insist on getting in my way?" Xia Yu had a stone cold expression on her face.

"Yes, you're right." Mu Lan had no intention of retreating as she shot back a gaze at Xia Yu.

"That's good. There are some abilities that I've held back on but you've forced my hand." Xia Yu said as she put her weapon away and weaved an intricate sigil in the air.

Mu Lan's facial expression immediately changed as she turned her head around to yell at Lin Huang, "Leave! Quickly!"

"It's too late..." Lin Huang lifted his head and stared at the sky with fear.

A powerful aura spread in the air before something seemed to appear, filling the air of Little Devil Island with a terrifying aura.

Countless monsters crawled around in fear, bodies trembling as if they were before a king, worshipping him.

Although Tyrant did not prostrate on the ground, his body began to shake slightly too.

While both of them looked at the monsters, a large sickle made of pure gold appeared before Xia Yu.

"Regal Relic – Godslayer Sickle..." Mu Lan's face immediately turned pale as she spat out the words.

"This is the ultimate relic – Godslayer Sickle. In Heretics, only the three Saints and president were allowed to activate this relic. Xia Yu said with a smile, looking down at Mu Lan. "About the abilities this sickle gives me... You should've heard about it, right?"

"It cuts through everything..." Mu Lan frowned.

"Yes, it cuts through everything. Be it the 5-Star Sea Chasm Sword in your hand, the 4-Star Relic - Revolution Armor or that huge creature with its impressive defensive abilities... With just one cut, everything can be cut in half!" Xia Yu lifted the large golden sickle that was even bigger than the previous one and pointed it towards Mu Lan.

Lin Huang's expression changed after listening to what Xia Yu had said. He never knew that a weapon with such horrifying powers existed in this world.

She brandished the gold sickle in her hand after she finished her sentence.

A golden glow appeared before of Mu Lan. Mu Lan was not able to dodge the attack and had no time to defend against it. The golden blade then slashed her body.

"Am I dead?" Mu Lan lowered her head and looked at her wounds. She then noticed her armor beginning to crack but she was not injured at all.

"Don't worry. I've just removed that annoying Revolution Armor that you're wearing. It's better to capture you alive than killing you. You are a hunter that is ranked fourth on the Gold Hunter Leaderboard and you're also the focus of the Hunter Association. It would be a waste to kill you. Perhaps the heretics would need you. If you upgrade to a holy fire transcendent, your abilities wouldn't be weak at all." Xia Yu's voice was heard coming from above.

Lin Huang frowned as he attempted to think of ways to solve this situation. The opponent's weapon was terrifying. She could slaughter any of the monsters he could summon with just one hit. If he were to summon Charcoal and Bai, they would definitely die and they would still be in danger.

On the other hand, Mu Lan was nervous as the Godslayer Sickle was a very dangerous weapon. It does not only cut through everything but it has invisible attacks as well. Even if she wanted to flee, she would have no way to escape under such circumstances.

"Daughter of the Mu Family, you can now bid farewell to your Sea Chasm Sword." Xia Yu grinned and attempted to cut it in half.

A golden glow appeared out of nowhere and slashed at the Sea Chasm Sword in Mu Lan's hand.

A purple laser beam appeared abruptly at just the right moment and collided with the golden glow of the sickle.

Unexpectedly, the impact had caused the golden glow to dissipate.

A large shadow then appeared beside Mu Lan.

It was a middle-aged man with thick brows that had a scar on the left side of his lips.

Lin Huang could recognize him immediately. He was the transcendent that fought the Ghastly Clown in Daxi City.

"Uncle Zhu Nian!" Mu Lan was surprised the moment when she saw him.

"You're Zhu Nian?" Apparently, Xia Yu had heard his name before.

"I'm surprised that you know me too." Zhu Nian looked at the girl floating in mid-air with a smile.

"Of course, how can I not remember the name of the nominated candidate for the position of executive officer in Division7." Xia Yu said with fear, knowing full well that her opponent was a transcendent that was about to achieve immortal-level. Once he was upgraded to immortal-level, he would become the executive officer of Hunter Association. With such authority, the powers that came with his position would be incomparable.

"Miss Saint, please don't put them through too much trouble." He said while looking at Xia Yu with a smile. Actually, it was his way of giving both parties a way to step down and save face.

The people respected Xia Yu. If she caught them, she would probably trigger a battle between the heretics and the Hunter Association. The entire region from Division1 to Division12 would then fall into chaos.

Xia Yu knew that she would not be able to catch anyone as Zhu Nian was there. Knowing that her opponent was trying not to embarrass her, she also understood that he was actually hinting at her, saying in his mind, "You should stop and leave now."

Her mission had failed and it was useless to continue any farther.

"Mr. Zhu Nian, since you've offered, then I'll let it go." Xia Yu shifted her gaze towards Lin Huang and Mu Lan and grinned. "We still have time. I'll let them stay at the Hunter Association first. I'll look for a chance and bring them back to the heretics."

Obviously, she was trying to provoke them. Zhu Nian laughed after listening to what she had said and held his tongue.

Putting away the gold sickle, Xia Yu summoned a dimensional portal before the three of them and went in. Before the portal closed, she waved at them.

Right after Xia Yu left, Lin Huang finally recalled Tyrant.

Zhu Nian looked at Lin Huang as if he was in deep thought. He then told both of them, "Let's go back to the assessment location first. Tell me what happened."

After bringing the both of them back to the assessment location, the candidates were released from the pseudo-prison. Zhu Nian then began to ask about the incident.

Lin Huang and Mu Lan told him everything. Zhu Nian nodded his head after listening to them.

"I will report this to the superiors. The assessment may need to be paused. We'll have to wait for the official announcement to determine if the assessment will continue. You may stay on the

island during this period of time." Zhu Nian quickly came out with a solution.

Mu Lan and the rest of the candidates had no objections. They then set up their own tents.

# Chapter 181: The Assessment Ends

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After some arrangements, Zhu Nian brought the 10 dead bodies of the heretic members that Lin Huang and Mu Lan killed to the headquarter. Since the incident, everyone built their tents accordingly and rested inside, including Mu Lan. However, Lin Huang headed to the middle of the Little Devil Island on the next morning. After activating one Double Card, he started killing gold-level monsters with Tyrant's help.

An hour later, he did not only obtain 20 Cross-Ranking Reward Cards but he even managed to accumulate two complete gold-level Monster Cards. They were the Enchanted Poisontail Scorpion which was an enchanted monster and a Gold-Armored Skeleton of the undead species. He decided to combine the card pieces into cards as he wanted to keep them to replace his epic cards during emergencies.

Before heading back to the assessment location, Lin Huang got Xiao Hei to list all his cards:

"You have 14 Monster Cards as below."

"Epic Monster Cards: Charcoal, Bai, Tyrant, Ghastly (Ghastly Clown), Bloody (Demonic Dandelion Vine)"

"Rare Monster Cards: One-Eyed Swordfiend, Alexandrian Eagle, Viridian Wolf"

"Normal Monster Cards: Gold-Armored Skeleton, Enchanted



Poisontail Scorpion, Ox Devil, Lion-Headed Troll, Demonic One-Eyed Ape, Specter."

"You have 21 Skill Cards as below."

"Talent Card: Superhuman Strength (Rare)"

"Life Seed Card: Sly Hands (Rare), Life Replacement (Rare), Sensing Circle (Rare)"

"Combat Skill Card: Great Sword Scripture (Epic), Wildfire Sword (Epic), Fatal Tactics (Rare), Thunder Sword (Rare), Mountain Blade (Rare), Hundred Flowing Blades (Rare), Spectral Snowsteps (Rare), Cloud Steps (Rare)"

"Monster Skill: Blood Spirit, Immense Strength (Intermediate), Advance Disguise, Super Robust, Magic Eye Deterrence (Intermediate), Absolute Defence (Beginner), Blood Hunt (Beginner), Boundless Vision (Beginner), Third Eye (Beginner), Mask - Control"

"These are the 20 cards for your cross-ranking reward:"

"Advance Card x3, One-Time Skill Card x3, Double Card x2, Item Card x3, Provisional Transformation Card x2, Provisional Summoning Card x1, Healing Card x1, Skill Combination Card x1, Treasure Card x1, Mission Card x1, Challenge Card x1, Transportation Card x1"

"You have 40 Functional Cards as below:"

"Provisional Transformation Card x7, Advance Card x5, Healing Card x5, Treasure Card x4, Double Card x4, Prop Card x3, One-time Skill Card x3, Mission Card x2, Flawless Card x2, Skill Combination Card x1, Provisional Summoning Card x1, Transportation Card x1, Challenge Card x1, Small Destruction Card x1"

Seeing a couple of Functional Cards that he had never seen before, Lin Huang read the detailed description.

"One-Time Skill Card: It can seal the skill that is being used before you (monster and human combat skills) and release the skill upon reactivation of the card."

"Remark 1: Your ability is restricted, the highest skill that you can seal at the moment would be holy fire-level skills."

"Remark 2: This card is limited to one use only. Once the skill is activated, the card will disappear."

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"Provisional Summoning Card: One monster can be randomly summoned upon activation. Summon limited to one hour only."

"Remark 1: The combat strength of the random monster will be one level higher than the highest level of monster the user owns."

"Remark 2: A monster that is related to the monster that the user owns will also have the highest chance of being summoned."

"Remark 3: Consumable upon activation, each card can be used once."

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"Transportation Card (3): You will be sent to the location you specified for one time upon activation."

"Remark 1: 10 seconds waiting time upon card activation."

"Remark 2: Can not be used when you are moving."

"Remark 3: The location has to be somewhere you have been before."

"Consumable, each card could be activated for three times. The card will disappear after three uses."

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"Challenge Card: You will be transported into a challenge dimension upon activation. There would be a random monster in the challenge space. Once the user kills the monster, the user will obtain a Monster Card of the monster that he killed."

"Remark 1: The monster that will appear in the challenge dimension would be exactly the same combat strength as the user. The monster species and rarity would be randomly chosen."

"Remark 2: The user would have to fight using his own strength in the challenge dimension, no Monster Card or other Functional Cards are allowed."

"Remark 3: Each Challenge Card will disappear when the user defeats the monster. The maximum number of challenges is three times. If the user fails three of the challenges, the Challenge Card will disappear."

"If the user dies in the challenge dimension, the user will actually die. Therefore, if the user encounters an invincible monster. It is recommended that the user backs out from the challenge dimension."

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After looking through the new cards, Lin Huang was in a good mood as the cards had strong practicality. As usual, Lin Huang activated three Item Cards. Whenever he received Item Cards, he would activate them without hesitation. However, there was nothing useful as he only got weapons. This time, he obtained two weapons and a bottle of elixir.

He then took a look at the green elixir.

"Insanity Elixir (For monster use only): After the summoning beast is injected with the elixir, it will go insane. Its strength, defensive abilities, and speed will be increased tenfold. Effective Time: One hour."

"Remark 1: After the elixir is injected, the summoning beast will completely lose its mind. It will attack everything it sees, including its master."

"Remark 2: After the effect wears off, the summoning monster will be exhausted for 100 hours. It will fall into deep sleep."

"I got a bottle of elixir!" Lin Huang raised his eyebrows while looking at the remaining cards.

"Oh, I have a Skill Combination Card!"

"Activate Skill Combination Card!" Lin Huang instructed.

"Skill Combination Card has been activated"

"Choose from the packages below."

"1. Combine Sword Skills: Great Sword Scripture, Wildfire Sword, Thunder Sword, Mountain Blade, Hundred Flowing Blades"

"2. Combine Movement Skills: Spectral Snowsteps, Cloud Steps"

"3. Combine Vision Skills: Magic Eye Deterrence, Boundless Vision, Third Eye"

"Please choose one."

"I would like to choose the third one." Lin Huang decided without hesitation as the monster skills that he could manage were limited to 10. Combining the monster skills could give him empty slots to obtain more monster skills.

"Skill Combination Card has been consumed. Monster skills Magic Eye Deterrence, Boundless Vision and Third Eye has been consumed. The new Skill Card is on the way..."

"Congratulations, you have received a new vision card: Kaleidoscope "

"Kaleidoscope: With the combination of many vision skills, it will combine more vision skills automatically with increasing vision strength."

"Remarks: The basic functions at the moment would be Magic Eye Deterrence, Boundless Vision, Third Eye and Illusion."

"Besides the three original skills, there was one extra skill - Illusion after the skills were combined. Besides, the skill could improve as time goes by." Lin Huang smirked while looking at the

new skill. He then took a look at his monster skills which had reduced to eight skills from the original 10 skills so he had two empty slots. However, he was not in a rush to extract the skills. He then rode on the Alexandrian Eagle and headed back to the assessment location.

Mu Lan did not ask Lin Huang where he went as she knew that he was safe with Tyrant. As long as he did not encounter any transcendents, he would be safe. For the following days, Lin Huang followed the rest and set up a tent on Little Devil Island while waiting for the upgrade.

On the fourth day, the news finally came. As Mu Lan reported on time, it had lessened the damages of the Hunter Association. There were 63 assessment locations that were invaded but only participants from 11 footholds were completely captured. A part of the participants from 37 assessment locations was captured while the participants from the remaining 15 assessment locations were all rescued. There were more than 12,800 participants that were captured which were close to 30% of the total number of the 63 assessment locations.

All of the 63 assessment locations that were invaded had been suspended. The Hunter Association headquarter announced that all of the remaining participants in the 63 assessment locations would not have to go for the next assessment and they would officially be Regular Hunters.

When Mu Lan announced the news to the participants, the participants of the assessment location where Lin Huang was in were cheering. However, Lin Huang did not care about that. To

him, there was no difference if the assessment was suspended or not. The only thing to be happy about was that he would be able to head home to celebrate the new year.

As the assessment was over, the Hunter Association sent a Demonic Crystal Spaceship and brought all participants back to foothold No.7B24, Beixuan City. Many in the Hunter Association division in Beixuan City were watching as Mu Lan brought 489 participants to the registration.

"Is the passing rate so high this year? It's usually less than 300 people." Someone was skeptical.

"Yeah, I think there were 12,000 participants this round. The passing rate is 4% this time around. It's usually only 2%."

"Perhaps the assessment was easier this time?"

As the Hunter Association had yet to disseminate the news that the assessment was invaded, many were discussing the high passing rate. Although there were many of them, the registration did not take too long as they were all Reserve Hunter, the Hunter Association had a record of their personal details. All they needed to do was to update their personal information and re-test their combat strength. Each registration would take less than 10 seconds. There were three registration counters which made it quite fast.

Lin Huang waited in the queue for less than 10 minutes. Just as he was leaving, he was called by the person who registered him.



"When you registered in June, you were not even iron-level. It's December now and your combat strength is already silver-level rank-1? This means you only took six months to level-up to silver-level?" The person was in disbelief. What she did not know was, Lin Huang was holding back his strength during the test.

What the person said was heard by all of them in the hall, they looked at Lin Huang. It was terrifying for an ordinary person to level-up to silver-level in six months. Even if a talented person who was trained in a high-level Life Skill, filling up iron-level Life Power would take at least one month per circle and three months for three circles. It would then take at least two months to stabilize the Life Power. Leveling-up to bronze-level rank-1 would take almost six months.

When one reached bronze-level, the speed they filled their Life Power would be slower, approximately three times slower than it was before they got to iron-level. It would take at least nine months to fill three circles of their Life Power while the stabilization would take at least another two months. In total, that would take them at least 16 months to be able to reach bronze-level. This was someone who was trained in a high-level Life Skill. In reality, most of the people would take more than two years while those who were talented would take around one year and six months.

However, the fact that Lin Huang only took six months stunned everyone.

"Yes." Lin Huang nodded in certainty.

"Then I shall report your puzzling training speed to the management. Somebody will be evaluating your performance." The person said to Lin Huang. She was concerned that Lin Huang was cheating. If that was so, the punishment would be terrible.

"Sure." Lin Huang nodded, he knew what did the person mean.

"It's there's nothing else, I'll make a move."

"That will be all." The person waved her hand, "Next!"

# Chapter 182: Going Through Another Review

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Just as Lin Huang walked out to the hall of the Hunter Association, he was stopped by Mu Lan.

"Head examiner Mu, is there anything wrong?" Lin Huang thought it was odd.

"Is what the person at the registration said true? That you managed to level-up up to silver-level from an ordinary person in six months?" Mu Lan asked directly.

"It's true."

Lin Huang thought there was nothing to hide as it would be revealed anyway since he registered himself at the association.

"What kind of Life Skill did you train? How is it possible that you leveled-up in such a short period of time? It's impossible to do such a thing even if what you trained was an Ultimate Life Skill. I think I'm quite talented and I took almost a year to achieve silver-level." Mu Lan revealed her training speed.

"I trained Army Attack Tactics ." Lin Huang looked at Mu Lan with a smile.

"The early stages of training Army Attack Tactics is not even

comparable to a high-level Life Skill. What level are you on now?" Mu Lan frowned.

"Level-6." Lin Huang lied.

"You managed to train Army Attack Tactics to level-6 within six months?! You really are a talented genius!" Mu Lan thought it was unbelievable that Lin Huang got to level-6 in Army Attack Tactics within six months as it was difficult. Some people were stuck on level-5 for more than ten years.

Lin Huang smiled without saying a word. Mu Lan then said to him, "I'll recommend you for intensive training."

"Intensive training? Is that something similar to the exclusive pass?" It was the first time Lin Huang heard of such a thing.

"Of course not. The exclusive pass is just for those who had yet to join the Reserve Hunter assessment to become a Regular Hunter. There are many of them. However, intensive training is a special pass that the Hunter Association gives out to geniuses. All of the people who obtain the pass were all geniuses. Not only they would be given access to a massive amount of resources, the information that they can obtain is similar to holy fire-level executive officers..." Mu Lan explained in detail.

"How is it that I've never heard of this?" Lin Huang did not think that Mu Lan was lying to him, he was just curious that he had never heard of that before.

"That's normal. In the Hunter Association, only Gold Hunter and above will have the access to this, let alone outsiders." Mu Lan smiled.

"If that's true, the slots should be quite limited. If you were to recommend me, I may not necessarily get it. Am I right?" Lin Huang had no idea that he was already recommended earlier but he was declined during the final review.

"It truly is limited. There are less than four people in Division 7 who can pass the review in the entire year. Even if there were exceptions, it would not be more than six people. The recommendations that we submit would go through three rounds of review. The first two rounds are easy, but not the final review as it has to go through 12 executive officers. As long as one of them disagree, the review would be declined. However, I'm confident that you'll pass the review!" Mu Lan had full confidence in Lin Huang.

"Alright then, I shall thank you in advance. To show my appreciation, I shall treat you to dinner tonight." Lin Huang said. Although he did not think that he would pass the review, he did not want to reject Mu Lan's kindness.

"I'll take a rain check. I've some errands to run at home, I'll have to head home right after I am done with the registration." Mu Lan smiled, "However, I'll submit the registration for you by today. Don't worry about it."

"It's alright, you can do that anytime you want." Lin Huang shrugged his shoulders, "We'll postpone our dinner then."

"Sure, we'll talk about it the next time we meet." Mu Lan nodded. She asked again, "Oh right. When are you heading home?"

"I haven't booked the ticket yet. I'm not sure if I can manage to book the ticket for the day after tomorrow. If that's not possible, I'll have to wait until next week." Lin Huang did not think that he could get a ticket as the date was too close.

"You can check now. If you can't manage to book one, I'll help." Mu Lan took the initiative to help Lin Huang.

"It's okay. Since the assessment ended earlier and it's still days before the new year, I can leave one week later." Lin Huang rejected.

"I'll check it out." Mu Lan then looked for the ticket page of the Demonic Crystal Spaceship. As she had Lin Huang's personal details in the assessment registration, she found the spaceship schedule that he was looking for within seconds.

However, the spaceship was fully booked. Lin Huang saw it from the side.

"I'll get the tickets for next week then."

"It's alright, there are still available seats in the VIP cabin." Mu Lan then booked the ticket.

In less than three seconds, the ticket was sent to Lin Huang's Emperor's Heart Ring.

Lin Huang was speechless, "I'll transfer you the money, please send me your account details."

"There's no need for that, consider this my apology for almost getting you killed by Xia Yu earlier." Mu Lan still had the incident in her mind. She then turned around and headed to the hall of the Hunter Association.

Lin Huang was stunned and remained wherever he was standing. He knew that Mu Lan would not take his money even if he chased after her. He shook his head and headed to the hotel. The hotel that Lin Huang booked located near Beiming Plaza where the Demonic Crystal Spaceship would depart.

In the hotel room, he sat on the couch in the living room and stared blankly at the two cards on his hand. There were two Rare Monster Cards, one was the One-Eyed Swordfiend while another was the Alexandrian Eagle. He had five Advance Cards, which were sufficient to get him two Epic Monster Cards. Lin Huang was determined to level-up One-Eyed Swordfiend as it would grow extraordinarily powerful when it was upgraded to Epic.

However, Lin Huang was not sure if he should upgrade the Alexandrian Eagle which was also a mutated monster as he only had one flying monster. If it was upgraded, he could not reveal it as often anymore. Each double mutation would cause a big scene, that was the reason why he was delaying the upgrade. Since the heretic invasion just passed on Little Devil Island, it would be too

much if Lin Huang upgraded it right away.

He then kept both cards and took out an Epic Monster Card. It was the Demonic Dandelion Vine that he named Bloody. Although it was an Epic Monster Card, it only possessed two skills right now which were Leech Pods and Absolute Control . Meanwhile, there were three skills that had yet to be developed. Although it was silver-level rank-3, Lin Huang had no idea what would happen if he was to upgrade it.

Lin Huang had to extract two monster skills as he was waiting for One-Eyed Swordfiend and Demonic Dandelion Vine to become epic-level monsters so that he could extract the skills at once. No matter what, the skills of an epic-level monster would be much more powerful than other monsters.

After some thoughts, Lin Huang kept the cards and opened the calendar in his Emperor's Heart Ring. It was December 21st, it was one month before the new year. He could spend the time with Lin Xin and Lin Xuan during the month as well as stabilize his Life Power. Lin Huang did not do much during the two days in Beixuan City where he spent most of his time strolling around, shopping for souvenirs during the day and practiced Army Attack Tactics for three to four hours during the night.

What he did not know was that someone was cracking his head for Lin Huang during these two days. It was dinner time when the executive officer Xu Tianyu received the second recommendation. He planned to ignore the message, but since it was sent by Mu Lan, he took a look at the message after some hesitation. In the message, Lin Huang was described in all sorts of manners. Mu Lan



did not only mention his terrifying speed and his double mutated summoning monster but she even explained how Lin Huang helped in the heretic invasion.

Xu Tianyu was stunned after reading the message. He had always thought it was Mu Lan who discovered what the heretics were up to. He did not know that it was Lin Huang who found out.

"It seems like this kid is very trainable. I've underestimated him!" Xu Tianyu frowned as he said this, "However, it's hard to pass the review since all of the executive officers are old-timers with a huge ego. They won't accept someone that they've rejected, especially Old Li..."

"Dad, I have been calling you for dinner!" A tanned middle-aged man knocked on Xu Tianyu's door.

"Oh, I'll be there soon." Xu Tianyu nodded.

The man at the door saw Lin Huang's photo and asked, "Dad, why does this kid look so familiar?"

"He's the one at your assessment." Xu Tianyu nodded.

"Now I remember, I think his name is Lin Huang. He and another girl were the only two persons who managed to get the information about the crystallized weed during the second assessment." The middle-aged man was the head examiner of the first round of assessment, Xu Jinpeng.

"Oh, really?" Xu Tianyu raised his eyebrow, "What do you think about him?"

"I don't know much about him. I heard about him from Zhuo Lin, he looked up to this kid. However, we did not test them on their abilities during the two assessments so we have no idea of the extent of his abilities. If you'd like to know, you'll have to check with the two head examiners who were responsible for the remaining assessments." Xu Jinpeng answered honestly.

"I have the comments of both head examiners..." Xu Tianyu smiled awkwardly.

"What's wrong with this kid? Did he cause any troubles?" Now Xu Jinpeng was curious.

"He did not cause any trouble. Both the head examiners recommended him for intensive training. Seems like this kid is really something, that's too bad..."

"Isn't that a good thing, what's too bad about it. Dad, if you think he can make it, pass him into the final review." Xu Jinpeng thought it was an easy task.

"The thing is, I've already recommended him once but he was rejected at the final review..." Xu Tianyu shook his head.

"So you are worried that the executive officers would think that

you are trying to find fault with them if you recommend him for a second time?" Xu Jinpeng figured out what was his father's concern. "Can I take a look at his documents?"

"Sure." Xu Tianyu nodded and brought out all the documents sent by the two head examiners. After reading the documents, Xu Jinpeng became serious, "Dad, we can't let such talents slip away. If other organizations took him, it's our loss."

"I know, but now the problem is that he would not pass the final review!" Xu Tianyu nodded but he felt helpless.

"I bet you must be worried about Old Li?" Xu Jinpeng knew what the problem was.

Xu Tianyu did not say a word.

"If that's your concern, there's a solution." Xu Jinpeng smiled.

"What is that?" Xu Tianyu raised his eyebrow.

"The family of the head examiner Mu Lan, is close with Mr. Fu. Get her to send the documents to Mr. Fu. As long as Mr. Fu talks to Old Li, the problem will be solved." Xu Jinpeng suggested.

"But what if Mr. Fu wants Lin Huang for himself?" Xu Tianyu was not sure if that was a good solution.

"Mr. Fu has already retired from the Union Government for more than 30 years. During the 30 years, there were many geniuses in Division 7, did you see him wanting anybody?" Xu Jinpeng thought Xu Tianyu's concern was unnecessary.

"Alright then, I shall write to the Mu family then..." Just when he was walking to the desk, a lady walked in.

"I have been waiting for you for dinner, what are the both of you chatting about? The dishes are cold now..."

"I'll go right there..." Xu Tianyu nodded continuously while Xu Jinpeng laughed at him...

# Chapter 183: Peculiar Mentality

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Mu Lan found it strange to see Xu Tianyu's reply letter. Although she had no idea why he insisted on her sending Lin Huang's documents to Mr. Fu so that he could say something good about Lin Huang to Old Li. However, she obliged and wrote a proper letter, sending it to Mr. Fu together with the documents later.

When Mr. Fu received the letter, he was fishing on the sea smiling while smoking his pipe. The sun was setting with the red sun right above the horizon. When he finished going through Mu Lan's letter and documents as well as the video of Lin Huang that was included, Mr. Fu held his head up. It was hard to tell if he was glad or upset, he proceeded to smoke while looking far into the horizon.

Awhile later, he looked at the photo of him fishing which was taken by Lin Huang earlier. He then looked at the red sun that was the same color appeared in the photo, he took a long breath.

"Is this fate..."

He sat on the high chair while he zoned out into the horizon. He seemed to be thinking and just when the sun was setting on the horizon, the fishing rod on his hand became heavy.

"Hmm?"

Mr. Fu snapped out of it and realized that the fishing rod was pulled down. He raised his eyebrow, pulled up the fishing rod and

saw a golden fish appear from the water. It then fell hard on the deck of the spaceship. Looking at the half-dead Goldenink Grouper, it was a similar size to the one that he caught a few days back. He was stunned at first but soon, he let out a big smile.

He proceeded to send a message to Old Li of the Hunter Association with Lin Huang's details. It was a short message that read, "I want this kid!"

Old Li thought it was ridiculous when he received Mr. Fu's message. After he looked at the documents that were attached together with the message and Lin Huang's details, he looked doubtful. He remembered Lin Huang as the young man that he rejected from the intensive training list a few days ago.

"A young man that's wanted by Mr. Fu... Seems like my judgment was wrong..." After staring at Lin Huang's documents for a long time, he let out a sigh, knowing that there was no return. Meanwhile, Mr. Fu had found Lin Huang's contact details on his communication device. He then called Lin Huang immediately...

When Lin Huang saw Mr. Fu's call request, Lin Huang thought it was odd. He was eating grilled fish at a barbecue stall when Mr. Fu called, he picked up the call anyway. In the video, Mr. Fu was smiling warmly as usual.

"Good evening, Mr. Fu." Lin Huang greeted him with a smile.

"Boy, are you eating grilled fish?" Mr. Fu saw the half-eaten grilled fish on the table in front of Lin Huang.

"Yeah. Have you eaten, Mr. Fu?" Lin Huang not sure what was the purpose of the call but he smiled and answered politely anyway.

"I'm just about to, look at what I got!" Mr. Fu showed Lin Huang what was behind him, it was a Goldenink Grouper. Mr. Fu then rotated the screen back to himself and smiled, "Seeing the grilled fish that you're eating, I shall do that today as well!"

Lin Huang gulped as he remembered how good Mr. Fu's cooking was. It was the cooking of a real Food Hunter, unforgettable.

"Hehe..." Mr. Fu saw that from the video.

"Would you like to try my cooking again, boy?"

"Of course I do, I could never forget how good your cooking is. However, it will have to wait as I have errands to run tomorrow morning. I'll meet you one day for a good feast." Lin Huang shook his head and smiled as he had to make it to the spaceship tomorrow.

Mr. Fu did not expect Lin Huang to reject his invitation. Initially, he wanted to lure him in with food and talk to him when Lin Huang was on his spaceship. However, that plan would not work now. After some hesitation, he decided to ask directly, "Boy... What do you think about being my apprentice?"

Lin Huang was stunned, although he was not sure who exactly Mr. Fu was, however, he thought they were fated. Moreover, he was impressed by Mr. Fu's ability to capture the Goldenink Grouper with only his Life Power the other day.

Seeing Lin Huang was stunned, Mr. Fu added, "Think about it, let me know as soon as possible..."

"Would you teach to fish like you did as well?" Lin Huang asked.

"Of course I'll teach you. However, to be able to perform detachment and objectification with your Life Power, you'll need to be at least at the holy-fire level. If you'd like to disguise yourself as some other creature to escape monsters, you'd need to be on an even higher level..." Mr. Fu explained.

"I agree!" Lin Huang agreed to be Mr. Fu's apprentice immediately.

Mr. Fu was stunned this time, he did not expect Lin Huang to accept his request so fast. "Just like that?"

"Is there something wrong?" Lin Huang asked him back.

"Alright then. From today onwards, you, Lin Huang shall be Fu Qingshan's apprentice!" Mr. Fu was scared that Lin Huang would regret his decision so he announced it hurriedly.

"Shouldn't there be a proper ceremony?" Lin Huang read from



novels that apprenticeships must go through some kind of official ceremony.

"There's no need for that, it's just for a show." Mr. Fu seemed to despise the so-called ceremony.

"I've seen the Army Attack Tactics that you were training, I could tell you that you're at least on level-7 or even level-8." Mr. Fu said to Lin Huang, "Which level are you really on?"

"Level-8..." Lin Huang did not expect Mr. Fu to see through him.

"What's your combat level now? Which rank of silver-level?" Mr. Fu asked again.

"White silver-level rank-3." Lin Huang replied honestly.

"Your speed is rather terrifying. Please stabilize your Life Power properly, don't be lazy. It's a good thing that you level-up fast but it's important to have a stable foundation." Mr. Fu was impressed as he recalled Lin Huang was only a bronze-level rank-3 few days ago when they met on the spaceship.

"Alright." Lin Huang nodded.

"I've seen your documents that were sent by the Hunter Association, I know you have a summoning monster that went through a double mutation. Although you're an Imperial Censor, you should not be relying on your summoning monsters while

ignoring your ability. A truly powerful Imperial Censor should have abilities that are no less than his summoning monsters or even stronger. Don't ever forget that your own ability is the root of success. You can treat your summoning monster as your partner. However, their strength is not yours at the end of the day." Mr. Fu advised.

"I understand, master." Lin Huang had noticed this problem recently. Ever since he possessed powerful summoning monsters, he became weak himself. Just like the battle with Xia Yu earlier, he did not have the strength to fight back at all, all he did was relying on Tyrant to cover him. He wanted to be stronger himself as well instead of relying on his summoning monsters.

Through the video call, Mr. Fu managed to know a little bit more about Lin Huang as well as giving him a simple guidance. Before seeing Lin Huang's performance in a real battle, he did not plan to guide Lin Huang in his direction at all.

Now that Mr. Fu had already found out some details about Lin Huang, he said to him after some consideration, "The year is ending, I shall give you a mission."

"Please. Do tell, master." Lin Huang nodded.

"You are a Regular Hunter now, so you're eligible to battle in the Hunter Arena. My mission to you will be for you to enter the Division7 Hunter Arena within two months and rank up to top 10 in the Silver Hunter Leaderboard without using any of your summoning monsters! Remember to record the battle in a video.

Lin Huang was surprised at the request, his expression showed it all. The mission was not exactly easy. Lin Huang had never been to the Hunter Arena, however, he knew there were many powerful hunters in there. Most of the Regular Hunters would have their own accounts at the arena. Like the Gold Hunter Leaderboard, a portion of the statistic on their personal ability came from the results at the Hunter Arena.

Although he knew that it would be a challenge, Lin Huang accepted anyway, "I'll give my best no matter what."

"I mean the two months when the Hunter Arena is open. It doesn't include the New Year holidays as it'll be closed during that period. You should spend time with your family during the holidays." Mr. Fu added.

Oh right, there's something that I'll need to tell you. The Hunter Association wanted to list you into intensive training but because of me, you will not pass the review as I am not one of the members of the Hunter Association. Those who are listed in intensive training must be apprentices to those who are members of the association." Mr. Fu did not forget to tell Lin Huang about that matter.

"It's alright, I heard of the review process from head examiner Mu, I knew I might not pass the final review." Lin Huang did not mind at all.

After some advice, Mr. Fu hung up the call.

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Lin Huang boarded the Demonic Crystal Spaceship the next morning. As Mu Lan bought him a ticket in the VIP cabin, many people looked at him as he pressed 11th floor in the elevator, they thought he was a member of royalty. When he arrived on the 11th floor, he was the only one left in the elevator. It was the first time he came to this floor in the spaceship. He found his room number which was Room 1108, he scanned the key card and went in.

Lin Huang raised his eyebrows when he saw how big the room was, it was not thousands of meters but it was at least 800 square meters. There was almost everything in the room. After taking a thorough look in the room, Lin Huang found out there was a mini swimming pool in a single room. The bedroom was not only spacious because the bathroom was 50 or 60 square meters, sufficient to accommodate a group of people.

After looking at the room, Lin Huang came to the living room. As he was planning to take a look at the Hunter Arena, a news video popped up. It was a video of the Hunter Association opening up about the invasion of heretics at the assessment. After the Hunter Association condemned the heretics, they declared war upon the heretics in Division 7. The heretics were asked to publicly apologize and release all the captured hunters or else their members in this division would be badly affected.

A couple of minutes into the video, the heretics responded. The presiding judge was wearing a black robe with a white, scary mask on his face.

"I would like to apologize on behalf of the organization for the troubles caused to the Hunter Association. We will release all of the 12,800 people within a month after the evaluation. We would also pay for the damages caused to the Hunter Association so that we are at peace. We never meant to start a war with the Hunter Association and the Union Government. We hope the public would understand that we are not some terrorist, we have just a normal organization that practices freedom. If you are interested, you may call the number at the bottom right of the screen to join our assessment..."

"What the hell is that? How does an open apology become a TV commercial?" Lin Huang thought the mentality of these heretics was quite puzzling.

"They'll be released within a month? Would the Hunter Association still want them?"

# Chapter 184: Hunter Arena

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Not many people knew what exactly the heretics were about. All they knew was that the Heretic Organization was one of the most powerful organizations in the underworld. However, the Hunter Association knew very well that although the heretics belonged to the underworld, they were on a whole other level. It was unlikely that they would create trouble and unlike other organizations where human lives were nothing. However, their members were untameable where they did whatever they wanted without thinking of the consequences.

After seeing the apology of the Heretic Organization's presiding judge, the executive officers of Division7 were upset. He managed to apologize within three minutes after the Hunter Association released the video, it was obvious that he came prepared. The apology was proper; he did not only apologize but he even wanted to pay for the damages and release the victims. However, could it be possible that he would dare use the people he captured? Who would know if the victims were not brainwashed?

It was a play well-done by the heretics as they knew the Hunter Association did not want that batch of people anymore but they decided to release them anyway. Even if they were not brainwashed, the Hunter Association would not be the only one who would not accept the 12,800 victims, but the other organizations as well. The only solution the victims had now was to join the heretics or they would remain an ordinary person for the rest of their lives.

However, it was nice that the heretics were willing to apologize so openly. There was nothing else the Division7 Hunter

Association could do. Soon, they announced a cease-fire since there would be no good that could come was no good that would come out of the war. They would rather ask for more compensation.

The incident had captured the attention of many other organizations.

"The heretics are so smart. They let the Hunter Association go through the trouble of putting the participants through all the preliminary evaluation before they scooped the talents away. Wouldn't the apology and compensation that come later be like buying people off with money? They even conveniently promote themselves on the video which was aired in 12 divisions. Tsk tsk, these people..."

"That's right. I wonder which genius came up with this idea! Why don't we suggest this to our boss? We can do the same in June next year?" A person laughed.

"Don't even think about it. We, the Purple Crow, would be dead to the Hunter Association if we did that. Division7 wouldn't be the only one to declare war on us, the other 12 divisions might do the same and band up with the Hunter Association. You should know that we're considered as a terrorist group within the Hunter Association. The heretics would only be labeled as mentally ill among the other organizations if we did that.

The Purple Crow were not the only ones. Other underworld organizations were tempted to do the same as well but they gave up copying the heretics when they thought about the uniqueness of what they did. The Hunter Association went easy on the first

attempt. If there was a second time, the consequences would be dire. If the Hunter Association did not show what they would do to people who would dare repeat such an invasion, people would think that the Hunter Association was a pushover and there would be more attempts in the future. Taking these factors into consideration, the other underworld organizations decided not to follow them.

Since the incident happened, the Hunter Association was already up and running again. Xu Tianyu brought up the matter of including Lin Huang in the intensive training list again. When Xu Tianyu projected new documents of Lin Huang before the executives during the meeting, many thought it was strange. Old Li did not say a word but later proceeded to mention, "Old Xu, I know he's your favorite. However, no matter how much we like this kid, there's nothing that we can do anymore."

"What do you mean by that?" Xu Tianyu was confused.

Theoretically, Mr. Fu should have spoken to Old Li, why would Old Li intervene now?

"The kid has been taken in by Mr. Fu." Old Li shook his head, "It seems like we've lost a talent... Sigh..."

"Mr. Fu took him in?!" Everyone was shocked.

"Old Li, maybe you misunderstood. What did Mr. Fu tell you?" Xu Tianyu thought that Mr. Fu was making the matter of including Lin Huang in intensive training too complicated, giving Old Li the



impression that Mr. Fu wanted Lin Huang.

"He sent me a message that says 'I want this kid!', before sending Lin Huang's documents over. It seems like he has taken him as his apprentice. The message was served to us to inform us of this so that we won't enlist him in intensive training." Old Li explained.

"Mr. Fu has many apprentices, included Old Li too. I think it's still possible that we insist to enlist Lin Huang in intensive training." Xu Tianyu said.

"That's true. Moreover, we have been taking his advice throughout the years, he had taught us a lot. We respect him deeply and treat him as our master. However, he only had one real apprentice, the one he found 300 years ago. Since the death of that apprentice, he has never taken in any real apprentices anymore. Those who came later would address him as sir instead of master. That's why we call him Mr. Fu; something everyone addresses him as right now. If it was not something out of the ordinary, Mr. Fu's would not have sent me that message with his character." Everyone went silent after hearing what Old Li said.

"We can't enlist Lin Huang into intensive training anymore, however, he'll still remain as a member of the Hunter Association. His performance was good in the assessment, let's make him a Gold Hunter. It should be sufficient for him." Old Li suggested.

Xu Tianyu had to accept the cold hard truth, he thought to himself that he should not have sent Lin Huang's documents to Mr. Fu.

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Meanwhile, Lin Huang turned off the apology video of the heretics. The lives of the victims that were captured by the heretics had completely changed. Even if they were released, they would be accepted by the Hunter Association anymore. No other organizations would accept them besides the heretics. Lin Huang shook his head and looked at the Hunter Association's page. On the main page, there was a war declaration was posted on top, one in the middle and one on the right.

Lin Huang saw the posts but he did not click on them while he was looking at the eligibility of his account. It had a copper logo, he had been given the authority of a Regular Hunter. He found Hunter Arena on the download page and proceeded to download the game. Two to three minutes later, the game was downloaded and a plug-in page popped up. The plug-in download was fast, soon Lin Huang was on the login page with the background of an ancient hall.

Lin Huang scanned his ID and the log-in was done within seconds.

"Please register a nickname for yourself. This nickname will be used in battles." A lady in a pink dress said as she smiled.

"Sword Overlord!" Lin Huang thought of a nickname for himself.

"I'm sorry, this nickname has been taken."

Lin Huang raised his eyebrow, he did not expect this to happen in this world.

"Heaven's Sword!"

"I'm sorry, this nickname has been taken."

"This too?" Lin Huang frowned, he then thought of another nickname, "Sword Genius!"

The nickname 'Sword Genius' is available, are you should you want this as your nickname."

"Yes." Lin Huang nodded.

"Hi, player Sword Genius , the game will be controlled by your consciousness. We'll scan your body and create a body for you in the game following the data we extract from your body. All the bleeding, pain and death in the game would simulate 100% of what's happening in real life..."

"If you're ready, please press 'Enter Game' . After the 10-second countdown, your consciousness will be pulled into the game.

Lin Huang nodded and entered the game. The lady in pink disappeared was replaced with golden three-dimensional numbers. It spun as it counted down from 10. A final beam of red light was

shot out of the number to scan Lin Huang's body. After the countdown ended, Lin Huang was led into darkness and appeared in a building that he had never been in before. He looked at his body, it was the same as before. He then looked at the cards in his body, they were all there.

"Xiao Hei are you there?" Lin Huang contacted Xiao Hei with his mind.

"Yes."

"Are you in the game too?"

"This is an incomplete virtual reality, it's normal that I'm able to enter."

After chatting with Xiao Hei, Lin Huang began to look around. The enormous building was crowded with people. There were many commercial boards with a variety of elixir and weapons. However, the most obvious one was the huge three-dimensional screen in the middle. It was an introduction of the Hunter Arena.

Selected battle scenes were being played in the video, Lin Huang became exuberant after watching the video. Finally, there was a guide at the end of the video. All of the information was connected to the Emperor's Heart Ring. As long as the ring was active, the guide would appear. Lin Huang opened his Emperor's Heart Ring, the function was different than usual.

A lady's voice was heard together with a golden arrow on the interface.

"There's an image of crossed swords on the left. That's the challenge button. When you press the challenge button, the system will randomly choose an opponent for you following your level and ranking in the game. The image of an eye on the left was the watch button. It allows you to watch all the live battles available within your authority level. The third button which was an image of a person would be your personal details. You can look at your personal details which include your ranking in the game..."

"The points system in the arena is set as below:"

"Win: 1 point."

"Killing opponents with one hit will get you double point, which is 2 points."

"Tie: 0 points."

"Achieving ties for 10 battles will get you 1 point"

"Lose: -1 point"

"Getting killed by your opponent in one hit will deduct double points, which is -2 points."

"Additional Rules: Win for 10 consecutive battles, 20 battles, 30 battles will double accumulated points.

Lose for five to 10 battles, point deduction will be doubled. Lose for more than 10 battles, point deduction will be multiplied by three.

If there's a tie between a consecutive win or lose, the streak would be suspended."

After spending a couple of minutes listening to the introduction, Lin Huang knew how the game was basically run. He then tapped on the ranking board and looked at one of the silver-level players. Looking at the points of those who ranked in the top 10, Lin Huang frowned as the points were above 10,000.

"Without the double points from winning streaks, I would have to win 10,000 battles to get into the top 10. To accomplish this within two months isn't easy..."

## Chapter 185: Killed in One Hit!

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Lin Huang calculated the possible scores, following the point system.

Winning ten battles would mean  $10 \times 2 = 20$  points.

Winning 20 battles would mean  $(20 + 10) \times 2 = 60$  points.

Winning 30 battles would mean  $(60 + 10) \times 2 = 140$  points.

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With his calculation of the double points, he would have to win 90 consecutive battles to accumulate more than 10,000 points. A single draw would not be allowed as it would stop the double points and he would have to start all over again.

The mode of battle was chosen randomly and the more winning streaks he got, the more points he accumulated. It also meant opponents were more powerful as time went on. Towards the end, the winning streak would be a lot harder to keep.

After looking at the rules for one last time and making sure that he did not miss anything, Lin Huang proceeded to press the challenge button.

"Player Sword Genius has successfully applied to the challenge.

According to your level, which is silver-level rank-3. You will be sent to the sixth floor"

Within seconds, Lin Huang was sent to the sixth floor of the arena. There were fewer people on this floor but it was still crowded.

"Player Sword Genius, you currently have zero points. Please wait while the system randomly matches you to your opponent... Opponent found!"

"Players can choose not to reveal their real face with a mask challenge. You can also choose to battle without a mask. Please make your selection now!"

Lin Huang thought about it and decided not to reveal his own face. "Mask battle then."

"Player is being sent to ring No.188 of the arena, on the sixth floor."

Not long after being sent to the sixth floor, Lin Huang was matched with an opponent and sent to the ring. As he entered, a silver mask was attached to his face. The mask was a perfect fit leaving just enough space to move, with no discomfort at all. All the others could see was his pair of eyes.

Looking around, Lin Huang noticed he was alone, with no audience around the ring either.



He had arrived earlier than his opponent. Two to three seconds later, a topless hunk appeared.

Golden numbers appeared on top of the ring and the countdown started: 10, 9, 8...

"Nickname: Sword Genius"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 0"

"Accumulated Points: 0"

"Winning Percentage: 0%"

Looking at Lin Huang's score, the hunk laughed.

"It seems like I'm a lucky guy today, encountered a rookie in my first battle of the day."

Hearing what the hunk said, Lin Huang then looked at the score of his opponent.

"Nickname: Overlord Golden Gun"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 251"

"Accumulated Points: -19"

"Winning Percentage: 46%"

Lin Huang was surprised when he saw the person's score, which was negative. He then recalled that it would happen when one lost a battle, especially when the person lost more than they won.

"Overlord Golden Gun, is he using a gun?" Lin Huang raised his eyebrow. Once the countdown ended, Lin Huang plunged towards the hunk. No matter the person was using a weapon gun or a spear, Lin Huang figured things would not go wrong as long as he got closer to him.

Seeing Lin Huang plunging towards him, the hunk grinned.

"Ah, another kid who fell into my trap. The Overlord Golden Gun isn't a real gun, nor a spear, but the 'gun' in my pants! What I'm expecting is close-quarter combat!"

Lin Huang had no idea what the hunk had in mind. Even if he did, he would not mind at all, the hunk's winning percentage was only 46%, which showed that his ability was just mediocre at best. All he wanted to do, was to kill him as soon as possible and obtain the points.

The rings on the fourth to sixth floors of the Hunter Area were 20 meters wide. It seemed spacious but for the people of silver-level, it only took two to three steps to walk 20 meters away. Using Spectral Snowsteps, Lin Huang appeared in front of the hunk like a ghost. Although Lin Huang was fast, the hunk still managed to see him. Noticing that he was coming, the hunk punched towards Lin Huang's shadow with his muscular arm.

"I have been waiting for this!" Lin Huang smirked.

Looking at the trajectory of the hunk's fist, Lin Huang moved slightly and avoided the hunk's seemingly deadly hit. He then got closer to the hunk and fully unleashed his level-8 Army Attack Tactics. The 96 circles of Life Power worked like a drill on the hunk's tummy.

"Bang!" An intense burst was created, even Lin Huang was shocked and retreated.

While he retreated, he noticed there was a hole the size of a bowl in the hunk's tummy. Through the hole, he could see the seats that were empty behind him. The now dead hunk fell to the ground. His 'dead body' fading into pieces, the blood that was spilled on Lin Huang's hands and body as well as on the ring disappeared too.

Lin Huang remained shocked, he did not expect his punch to be that terrifying. Although the hunk was not wearing any armor, he was still a silver-level but Lin Huang had killed him in one hit.

"The combination of Army Attack Tactics and Fatal Tactics was that powerful?" Lin Huang thought it was unbelievable.

"Congratulations, you have won the battle!"

"You managed to kill your opponent in one hit, you have obtained 2 points!"

Hearing the notification, Lin Huang looked at his personal score.

"Nickname: Sword Genius"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 1"

"Accumulated Points: 2"

"Winning Percentage: 100%"

"If I managed to kill my opponent for 10 consecutive battles in one hit, I would not only get 20 points, but 40 points!" The first battle gave Lin Huang confidence. It was normal that he was given weaker opponent in the beginning as he did not have any points yet, which made getting a winning streak easier. He started to aim higher, which was to kill his opponents in one hit.

"I shall try my best to kill all of them in one hit then." Lin Huang decided.

"Would you like to continue to battle?" A notification box popped up before Lin Huang.

"Yes!" Lin Huang selected immediately.

"The system is matching you with an opponent please wait... Matching has been completed!"

Soon, an opponent was sent across the ring. It was a tall lady in revealing attire. She wore black stilettos that were 30 centimeters high with black stockings pulled up to her thighs. She wore black leather panties and above that was a black leather corset which covered most of her breasts, leaving her cleavage just showing with her back, shoulders and arms revealed. She wore a black metal mask, not supplied with the system, she brought that mask along with her.

Holding a black whip in her hand, she looked at Lin Huang in a snobbish manner. Lin Huang then looked at the score.

"Nickname: Master Queen"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 27"

"Accumulated Points: 19"

"Winning Percentage: 85%"

"This girl has a high winning percentage... She must be powerful. She's using a whip which is good for long-distance attacks, I'll need to get closer to her." Lin Huang was analyzing the girl from far. The lady was calm after looking at Lin Huang's score. Just when the countdown ended, when Lin Huang was making his move, the lady had her whip out.

"Surrender, kid. As long as you surrender, I'm sure to give you.... something good..." There was a charm in her voice.

"Mind skills?" Lin Huang squinted his eyes and figured the lady was using some mind skills. However, as Lin Huang possessed Kaleidoscope , he was immune to the skill and he was not affected at all. Using Cloud Steps , he managed to avoid the lady's whip easily while approaching her at a lightning speed.

"As long as you say 'I surrender', I will be sure to love you..." The lady's voice was echoing in Lin Huang's ears.

"You sure you want to do this?" Lin Huang's eyes became swirly as he used Kaleidoscope ...

"Will you really love me?" The young man was always just across from the lady wherever he was.

"Of course, I love such boys like you..." The lady grinned, "Come, listen to me, say 'I surrender.'"

"I..." Just when the young man started to speak, the lady felt an intense danger was coming towards her. She planned to escape but the young man's voice came into her ear.

"Your sweet dream should end now."

The lady felt an immense pain in her tummy. She looked, there was a hole that was size of a bowl through her tummy. She held her head up, the young man in the silver mask was stood three meters away from her, while looking at her without an expression. Soon, the lady's body was breaking down and the blood on the ring disappeared.

Lin Huang stood where he was and smirked, "I didn't know I could use other abilities here. It seems like I could use all monster skills in the battles, including sword skills and combat skills."

"Congratulations, you have won the battle!"

"You managed to kill your opponent in one hit, you have obtained 2 points!"

"Would you like to continue to battle?"

"Yes!" Lin Huang selected immediately.

"The system is matching an opponent for you... Matching has been completed!"

Lin Huang's third opponent was then sent to the ring...



# Chapter 186: Level-up to Gold Hunter

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With the Magic Eye Deterrence, the Evil Eel stood at where it was. Its head exploded with Lin Huang's punch. Seeing the blood and brain juice that spilled all over, Lin Huang took a step back as he watched the headless body fall to the ground before it disappeared.

"Congratulations, you have won the battle!"

"You managed to kill your opponent in one hit, you have obtained 2 points!"

"Congratulations for 30 consecutive wins!"

Lin Huang managed to win all 30 battles with only one hit each, the name 'Sword Genius' was now known by many. Since his 20th consecutive win, people started coming to watch. On the 30th battle, they were more than 500 people surrounding ring No.188.

"Would you like to continue to battle?"

Lin Huang looked at the time when he saw the notification, it was 9:30 p.m. He chose to leave. His body disappeared from the ring.

"It's only 9:30 p.m., why did he leave so early? Maybe he has something else to do?"

"Maybe he's tired, he had been fighting for 30 battles, it's normal to take a rest."

"It's strange that his name is 'Sword Genius' but I have never once seen him using a sword. All the 10 battles that I watched were close-distance attacks."

"Maybe it was a random nickname, nobody says he must use a sword if his name is Sword Genius."

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Seeing that Lin Huang has left, the audience started discussing among themselves. After leaving the ring, Lin Huang appeared in the hall on the sixth floor of the arena.

"Nickname: Sword Genius"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 30"

"Accumulated Points: 280"

"Winning Percentage: 100%"

Lin Huang took a look at his score before logging out of the game.

When his conscious has returned to his body, Lin Huang closed the game page and started watching the battle videos that he had recorded. Lin Huang did not have many battle opportunities with humans before. The 30 battles allowed him to improve tremendously. He grew with each battle. However, he knew that there was still room for improvements.

He watched each and every battle video and noticed that his improvements were significant. However, he also found a couple of mistakes. After watching all the videos, he watched some of the detailed parts repeatedly before concluding on his performance.

"The good thing about me is that my body physique is so much more powerful than the other silver-level rank-3. My strength alone increase ten times with my superhuman strength, along with the increase of the intermediate immense strength by four times, my strength overall is 14 times more than those of the same level. It even surpassed most of the gold-level rank-3."

"With the Super Robust which boosted my body physique by ten times more. My resistance and adaptation abilities are comparable with those of gold-level rank-3. Although my Absolute Defense is only at a beginner level, it could give me immunity to 50% of the attacks. Besides, Kaleidoscope enhanced my vision beyond that of regular people..."

"To me, these are all the biological advantages that I have. The only thing that I cannot compare with a gold-level rank-3 would be my speed. My movement, attack speed and reaction speed. My movement speed can be compensated with my body movement combat skill while my attack speed can be compensated with my

Sly Hands and sword skills. My reaction speed can be increased as I battle more. My speed level is just of a normal silver-level rank-3."

"In conclusion, my ability ranked the top in silver-level rank-3. Although I can't fight gold-level rank-3 players yet, I might be able to defeat gold-level rank-2 players. However, as compared to the silver-level rank-3 old timers in the arena, I lack battle experience. Looking back at the videos, I was not calm enough whenever the frequency of attacks increased. My dodging speed was not fast enough, there were also a lot of extra movements. I exposed my flaws easily and did not react timely which wasted many good opportunities to attack first. I am much weaker when it comes to mastering the battle rhythm, I was even taken advantage of during some of the battles..."

After analyzing his own strengths and weaknesses, Lin Huang listed them down one by one and recorded in his file on the Emperor's Heart Ring while writing down the improvement plan behind it.

"From tomorrow onwards, I will only do 10 battles while trying my best to improve my weaknesses! After completing the battles, I will come up with a conclusion of what I lack and improve again the next day!" Lin Huang has made his decision. It was almost 12 a.m. by the time he was done. He washed up and went to bed.

Lin Huang woke up after eight the next morning. He had his breakfast after taking a shower, it was almost nine when he was done. Just when Lin Huang was ready to go into the arena, he received a message. He was stunned as he read the message.

"Mr. Lin Huang, due to your outstanding performance in the assessment, you have passed through the evaluation and leveled-up to a Gold Hunter. Congratulations!"

"I'm a Gold Hunter now? Lin Huang just recalled Mr. Fu mentioned earlier that the Hunter Association could not enlist him in focus training anymore so it was replaced by the Gold Hunter upgrade.

"That's not bad, at least I am entitled to all the information transcendent could access..."

However, Lin Huang thought of another matter immediately, "Since I'm now a Gold Hunter, that means I should have an upgrade in my authority in the Hunter Arena. I should be able to watch gold-level battles live now!"

Lin Huang launched the Hunter Arena immediately. His logo was now gold in color. With his authority as a Gold Hunter, he could now move around from the first to the ninth floor of the Hunter Arena and watch all live battles with vacant seats. He could even watch the replay of battles of specific individuals from the seventh floor and below for free.

As a Gold Hunter, he could watch all the replays of battles that were on the seventh floor and below for free. However, he would need to pay if he would like to watch the live battles gold-level from the seventh floor to the ninth floor. For the Silver Hunters, they were only entitled to watch live battles from the fourth floor and below for free. To be able to watch replay battles of the silver-level, they would need to pay as well.

Lin Huang was a Copper Hunter, he could only watch the replay of battles on the first to the third floor by paying, he was not entitled to watch the battles from the fourth to the sixth floor even if he paid. However, with this upgrade, he could watch the battle replays that he wanted while absorbing the skills. He opened the silver-level leaderboard on the sixth floor and downloaded all the battle videos of the top 10 hunters.

The one ranked No.10 was a young man called the 'Unbelievable Fate Changer', he had accumulated more than 11,000 points with a winning percentage of 68%. He had battled for more than 4,000 times and more than 1,000 of the battles were on the silver-level rank-3 floor. For the following days, Lin Huang did not battle in the arena. Instead, he watched the battle replays of the top 10 hunters.

Besides watching the videos, he was taking notes. He learned quite a number of things in each battle. 11 days passed fast on the spaceship, besides eating and sleeping, Lin Huang spent all of his time researching the videos. Within the next 10 days, he only managed to watch all the battle videos of the individuals who ranked 10, 'Unbelievable Fate Changer' and 9 'Salt36'.

It was after four in the afternoon when the Demonic Crystal Spaceship landed in Baqi City. Lin Xin had finished school when Lin Huang arrived on the Alexandrian Eagle in Wulin Town. Lin Xin ran towards him as he returned home while shy Lin Xuan watched the both of them from the side. Lin Huang patted both their heads and brought them into the living room. He took out all of the souvenirs that he got from Baqi City. There were food and toys.

After giving out the souvenirs, he then kept the food in the fridge.

"Brother, why did you come back so early? I thought you said you'll leave for two months? It has only been a month..." Lin Xin recalled and asked.

"Something happened and our assessment was suspended. Everyone got their Regular Hunter license." Lin Huang smiled.

"Was it the invasion by the heretics invasion?" Lin Xin saw the news too. However, she was not sure which assessment location Lin Huang went to.

Lin Huang was stunned, he nodded.

"I hope you weren't attacked by them?" Lin Xin was concerned.

"Of course not, am I not standing in front of you?" Lin Huang smiled, he did not plan to tell Lin Xin that he had escaped death.

"Those victims are so pitiful..." Lin Xin was still upset.

"Alright, don't think too much." Lin Huang did not want to continue with the topic.

"Winter holidays will start in half a month, am I right?"

"Yes, two weeks to go." Lin Xin was happy again. All the students were the same, they would forget about all their worries once school holidays were brought up.

"Let's go to the Snow Ridge City after New Year, it's not too far away." Lin Huang suggested.

Lin Xin did not seem too keen on the idea. She wanted to go but she hesitated as she thought about the invasion.

Lin Huang saw through her and patted her head, "Don't worry about it, nothing would happen this time. I'm an official hunter now, I am much more powerful than before!"

Lin Xin nodded. Lin Huang then looked at Lin Xuan, "Xiao Xuan, did you listen to your sister during those days when I was away?"

Lin Xuan nodded immediately.

"Xiao Xuan has been good. He had been eating, playing games and sleeping every day. He's an expert in Gun Master now, he never lost once!" Lin Xin said.

"Really?" Lin Huang raised his eyebrow. Recalling the advanced version of sword skill that Lin Xuan performed after watching Lin Huang, could he be talented with guns too?!



"Did you record any videos? Show me." Lin Huang asked Lin Xin.

Lin Xin nodded and sent more than 10 videos for Lin Huang. Lin Huang randomly played one of the videos. It was taken from the perspective of the gamer where he could see the entire process of Lin Xuan battling the opponents.

Lin Huang was shocked as he finished the first video. Lin Xuan's performance was perfect. There were no flaws in the gun skill or battle awareness, Lin Huang could not even perform some of the things that Lin Xuan managed to. After watching a couple more videos, Lin Huang was sure of one thing. Not only Lin Xuan was talented with the sword, he was also unbelievably talented with guns.

"Is this kid a genius?!"

## Chapter 187: He's Even More Dangerous Than Who He Was 10 Days Ago

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"Come here, Xiao Xuan." Lin Huang shouted waving at Lin Xuan, who then quietly walked over to Lin Huang.

"Give me your hand." Lin Huang said as he extended his hand, "Let me know whenever you don't feel comfortable then I will stop."

Lin Xuan nodded and placed his small hand on Lin Huang's palm. As their hands touched, there was a silver glow coming out of Lin Huang's palm, it then entered Lin Xuan's body through his palm. Lin Huang's Life Power took a stroll in Lin Xuan's body, there was nothing unusual and Lin Xuan did not feel any discomfort or pain.

"Lin Huang watched as no reaction came from the Life Power in his body. That means he's just an ordinary person..." Lin Huang could not figure out where Lin Xuan's talents came from. He noticed that there was a slight exhaustion of Life Power later on. However, he did not dwell into that as he thought it was normal.

"Do you feel any discomfort?" Lin Huang asked after checking his body.

Lin Xuan shook his head.

"That's great, I will buy two more Gun Master rings within these two days. You will not have to take turns to play with your sister."

Lin Huang patted Lin Xuan's head and placed the order.

Lin Xin was curious, "Brother, Xiao Xuan doesn't have an Emperor's Heart Ring, he can not register an account in Gun Master. Could you get him one?"

"It's okay, I will come out with something." Lin Huang nodded. He was thinking of bringing Lin Xuan to the Union Government to get him an identity. However, the process was troublesome. Moreover, he would not be able to receive his Emperor's Heart Ring in such a short period of time.

After ordering the Gun Master, Lin Huang called Yang Ling.

Yang Ling accepted the video call immediately, he still looked as relaxed as he always was. "Hehe, do you need a second identity now?"

"This time not for me, it's for somebody else. I need it to be able to register with the Hunter Association, is that possible?" Lin Huang did not bother to carry out small talk with him so he asked directly.

"Of course that's possible. Would you like to apply for Reserve Hunter or Regular Hunter?" Yang Ling asked.

"You could even get the Regular Hunter one?" Lin Huang was

surprised.

"Of course, don't you know who I am." Yang Ling was proud of himself. "No matter if it's Copper, Silver or Gold, I can get all of them for you."

"Even focus training?" Lin Huang asked.

"That's possible, but I'm not doing it." Yang Ling raised his eyebrow.

"Why not? It's money." replied Lin Huang.

"There are only a few candidates chosen for focus training in each division, it would be too obvious if I do that. The chance of being exposed is too high, I wouldn't want such trouble." Yang Ling said.

"If you need the authority to get into the Hunter Association, I can get you an identity of an executive officer. However, the price is high."

"I understand. How much would the price of Copper, Silver and Gold Hunter be?" As a traveller, Lin Huang was skeptical if Yang Ling's Goldfinger was an original or not.

"500 for Copper, 1,000 for Silver and 1,500 for Gold! You know very well of which currency I'm talking about." Yang Ling replied while shaking his leg.

Lin Huang thought about it, "Get me a Gold Hunter one."

Lin Xuan's situation was unique, Lin Huang planned to bring him along to the Hunter Arena to see how much he could learn from there.

"Send me the name, age and photo. You could also send me a backstory that you made up as long as it's not too ridiculous. If you don't send me any back stories, I will create one on my own." Yang Ling reminded, "Also, please use the usual currency of transaction."

"I understand, I will send it over tomorrow as the Credit Bureau is closed now." Lin Huang nodded.

"I can get it done later, which address are you staying right now?" Yang Ling asked.

"The same address as before, just send it to me." Lin Huang knew Yang Ling had his address.

"Oh." Yang Ling nodded, he hesitated but asked anyway, "I know this is none of my business but have you destroyed your original Emperor's Heart Ring?"

"Yes I have." Lin Huang nodded.

"That's great, however, I would advise you to move away from where you are staying as soon as possible." Yang Ling reminded.

"I would like to but I can't get the permission to stay in B-grade and A-grade footholds..." Lin Huang said casually.

"I could help you with the accommodation entitlement but it isn't cheap." Yang Ling looked proud again.

"Don't fool me, are you serious? They will need my identification when I purchase a house!" Lin Huang did not expect Yang Ling could even get that done.

"Let me ask you, did the Emperor's Heart Ring that you got from me ever fail?" Yang Ling asked him back.

"Don't worry, I guarantee you that it works. I have done it at least 800 times, none of them failed."

"How much is it?" Lin Huang asked immediately.

"A-grade foothold ranges from hundred thousand to one million while B-grade foothold would range from ten thousand to thirty thousand. The exact price depends on which foothold you want. This doesn't even require delivery, I can get it done right now, all I need is three minutes." Yang Ling was confident in the business.

"A-grade foothold is so expensive..." Lin Huang was surprised at the price as the currency Yang Ling was talking about was Life Crystals. "B-grade foothold isn't cheap either..."

Lin Huang only had 8,000 Life Crystals at the moment. Deducting the 1,500 for the new Emperor's Heart Ring for Lin Xuan, he could not even afford the accommodation in the B-grade foothold. Yang Ling seemed to notice Lin Huang's hesitation, "Since you're a regular customer, if you don't have sufficient Life Crystals now, you could pay by instalment. There would not be any interest."

Lin Huang smiled in an embarrassed manner, "Thank you so much."

"Which foothold are you looking at, I can get it done for you now." Yang Ling wasn't worried that Lin Huang couldn't pay right now.

"I haven't decided yet, the most ideal one would be the Qiantang City in the A-grade foothold. But looking at the price, I will have to put it aside." Lin Huang smiled awkwardly. "I haven't decided on a property in the B-grade foothold, I shall contact you when I have decided then."

"You have high standards, do you know how much the accommodation is right now for Qiantang City?" Yang Ling

smirked, "800,000!"

Lin Huang was shocked when he heard the price. He could only get a couple of Life Crystals for a gold-level monster from the Hunter Association. To be able to obtain 800,000, he would need to kill hundreds of thousands of gold-level monsters.

"Alright then, let me know when you have decided. I shall get the Emperor's Heart Ring done first. Quickly send me the details." Yang Ling hung up the phone right after he said that.

Lin Huang sent Lin Xuan's basic details and a photo to Yang Ling immediately. It was past six o'clock in the evening when Lin Huang was done. Lin Xin had made grilled meat for Lin Xuan and the take-away had arrived. The grilled meat was cooked by the barbecue machine that Lin Huang had bought earlier, Lin Xuan's meals depended on the machine as he would only eat meat. There was nothing that Lin Huang could do.

Meanwhile, the take-away food was for Lin Xin and Lin Huang as they could not eat grilled meat everyday. Although delicious, it would be sickening if they were to eat that everyday. After dinner, Lin Huang returned to his room and entered the Hunter Arena. After 10 days of analyzing and learning from watching the battle replay videos, he could not wait to perform what he had learnt.

He pressed the challenge button after entering the sixth floor of the arena. Soon, Lin Huang was sent onto an empty ring. Just as he was adapting to his surroundings, there were people entering the audience seats. Not only one, there were more than a hundred people. Lin Huang recognized some of them, they were the same



bunch of people who watched him 10 days ago. However, the sound from the audience was isolated from the ring with the purpose that the fighters on the ring would not be affected.

Lin Huang saw a couple of them were yelling at him, before he could figure out what it was they were shouting, his opponent was sent onto the ring. From the person's size, he should be a young man like Lin Huang. He was also wearing a silver mask with a silver gun on his hand. He was wearing all white, he looked like a professional. Lin Huang raised his eyebrow and checked out the opponent's score.

"Nickname: White Gun"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 128"

"Accumulated Points: 299"

"Winning Percentage: 91%"

Although the number of battles was not high, his winning percentage was high. He should have outstanding abilities available. When Lin Huang was checking out his score, it was obvious that he was checking Lin Huang's too. He grinned and said to Lin Huang, "30 consecutive wins weren't easy, however, it's unfortunate that you encountered me today. Your winning streaks will end now."

"I'm afraid you will be disappointed. I don't plan to stop before winning 90 consecutive battles." Lin Huang told him his goal.

"Wow, you sure are arrogant!" 'White Gun' scoffed when he heard about Lin Huang's ridiculous goal.

The countdown ended together with the end of their conversation. 'White Gun' took the first move. Instead of moving forward like he usually did, Lin Huang remained standing wherever he was while waiting for 'White Gun' to come to him. Seeing that he got the advantage, 'White Gun' grinned while pointed his gun at Lin Huang. It was an outstanding gun, it was fast and stable, it aimed directly at Lin Huang's heart. His silver Life Power covered the entire gun, especially the mouth of the gun, where there was a whistling sound as the gun moved through the air.

Lin Huang was impressed. The gun was above standard, this alone showed him that this opponent was stronger than the 30 opponents he had encountered before this. If this happened 10 days ago, Lin Huang would have chosen to avoid him while planning his move if he was taken advantage of. However, he was different from what he was 10 days ago. He leaped with the tip of his toe and avoided the attack. The back of his left hand collided casually on the gun.

'White Gun' felt an intense force coming towards him, the gun

on his hand almost fell. He was shocked, he held his gun tight at an instant. However, as Lin Huang approached him, he felt an immense pain on his chest. He looked down, Lin Huang was pressing two fingers on his heart. 'White Gun' then fell on the ground and his body faded away. The audience noticed Lin Huang changed his way of battle, his vibe was completely different from 10 days ago.

"He's even more dangerous than who he was before..." A young man in a golden robe commented.

# Chapter 188: The Keeper Of The 50th Battle

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After squeezing the opponent's neck with three fingers, a gigantic body fell on the ground.

"Congratulations, you have won the battle!"

"You managed to kill your opponent in one hit, you have obtained 2 points!"

"Congratulations for 40 consecutive wins!"

As he completed the 40th win, many people came to the room to watch him after hearing the notification that was announced on the sixth floor. However, all they could see was Lin Huang disappearing from the ring. Not many people managed to win 30 battles consecutively, let alone 40 battles. Those who have won 40 battles consecutively were all professionals. If someone did manage to win 50 battles consecutively, the announcement would not only be posted to the entire sixth floor but would also be played from the first to the ninth floor. In the whole of Division 7. From the first floor all the way to the ninth. The number of people who have managed to win 50 battles consecutively was only in the single digits.

With his mask, Lin Huang stood in the arena hall on the sixth floor to check his score.

"Nickname: Sword Genius"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 40"

"Accumulated Points: 600"

"Winning Percentage: 100%"

"600 points, there's still a long way to go..." Lin Huang frowned, he decided to leave the game anyway. Little did he know, that many in the audience of the ring, were still talking about him.

"This Sword Genius used to fight ruthlessly, but now he completely changed. Not only was he stable, but his strategy was flawless, even his combat spirit was different than before..."

"That's true, he had some flaws in his strategy before, as well as issues in his combat rhythm. Now he did not even give a chance to his opponents, he was like a lifeless killing machine."

The young man in golden robe gave a short comment. "He is a changed man!"

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If a player's account with Hunter Arena could be logged in by someone else. Many people would have thought Lin Huang's,

‘Sword Genius’ account was being played by someone else instead. Having no idea that he was being discussed by many in the arena, and turning off the game. Lin Huang sat and watched the last ten battles he had fought. Although he was a couple of times better than before, he still managed to find points that he could improve on.

"The blocking point was not the best angle to apply force, the effect would be better if I stepped two centimeters back... The landing point from avoiding the attack was slightly too far, if I could be ten centimeters closer it would improve the precision of the counter-attack... There's some problem with the angle of this punch..."

Lin Huang was harsh on his own battle analysis. He wanted himself to be cleaner, more precise and faster. So that each attack would reach its maximum impact. After he was done with the analysis, Lin Huang took a look at the battle videos of the person who ranked No.1 ‘South Palace Laugh’. He only went to bed after midnight, in the early hours of the morning.

The Gun Master ring arrived the next day at noon. Lin Huang gave one to Lin Xuan and kept another one for himself. However, Lin Xuan still had to use Lin Xin’s ring as he could not create an account yet. The Emperor’s Heart Ring that Lin Huang bought for him would only arrive at least a week later. For the following days, Lin Huang had been researching on the ‘South Palace Laugh’s videos before entering the game again.

As he pressed the challenge button, he was soon sent to a ring that was surrounded by people. Although Lin Huang could not

hear the voice, he could see that there were more people than the last round. There were at least 2,000 people in the crowd and the number was increasing. However, he did not think that the people were here for him, more like the fans of his opponent.

He then started to check out his opponent. He was a tanned man of 2.5 meters tall. He was half naked showing his tanned upper body with terrifying muscles. He was not considered handsome, however, he gave out a ferocious vibe. Especially his eyes, they looked crazy and dangerous.

"This is a dangerous man..." That was the first impression Lin Huang got when he saw his opponent, then he took a look at his score.

"Nickname: Mad Tiger"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 989"

"Accumulated Points: 711"

"Winning Percentage: 83%"

Since he had fought almost 1,000 battles, he should be an old-timer. Moreover, he managed to maintain his winning percentage at 83%, it showed that this person, was a professional.

"40 consecutive wins, all were killed in one hit..." 'Mad Tiger' licked his lips after checking out Lin Huang's score. Although Lin Huang did not fight many battles, however, it was not easy that he managed to win 40 battles consecutively. Furthermore, from his score, it was not hard to tell that he managed to kill all his opponents under one hit. It had piqued 'Mad Tiger's interest.

There were more and more people in the audience, looking at both scores, they were excited about the battle. One was a powerful old-timer while another was a rookie who had never lost a battle before. Who would win?!

As the countdown started, seeing Lin Huang not using his sword, 'Mad Tiger' yelled at Lin Huang, "Since you call yourself 'Sword Genius', you must be an expert in sword skills then? If you don't pull out your sword now, you wouldn't have the time later."

"It's alright, thanks for your reminder." Lin Huang replied.

He had never denied the truth that he was an expert in sword skills, however, many were curious.

"Since he said that, is he really an expert in sword skills?"

"I think he has never once used any sword skills throughout the 40 battles?"

"Could he be too arrogant to use his sword here?"



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‘Mad Tiger’ looked upset on the ring. Not only Lin Huang did not deny his sword skills, he refused to use his sword. ‘Mad Tiger’ perceived that he was not worthwhile for Lin Huang to bother to use his sword on him.

"Kid, your arrogance will kill you!"

Lin Huang figured out why was he mad, however, he did not want to explain. He could see that although his opponent was strong if he really used his sword, it would be a sure kill for Mad Tiger. Lin Huang thought that, when encountering an opponent such as Mad Tiger, showing how much he respected him would be to fight at a close distance. Not from afar.

The countdown soon ended. Leaving ‘Mad Tiger’ really mad. Just as the countdown ended, he plunged towards Lin Huang like a tank.

"His speed is okay, however, running in a straight line would give out his trajectory too easily. As he runs, he charges his punch. The power should be there. Maybe he’s too tall, the bottom part of his body doesn’t seem too stable..."

Lin Huang managed to see many flaws from ‘Mad Tiger’. If it was another person in the ring, they would have been scared just by his vibe, which was like a tank. His force was terrifying, he plunged right in front of Lin Huang. Fists charged aiming right at him, but

at the last moment, Lin Huang avoided his attack by slightly moving his body. Mad Tiger tripped falling to the ground. Just when he wanted to get up he felt a cold wind blowing behind him.

His head was pressed by an immense force, his face was crashed into the ground and crushed by the force.

"Bang!" The ground of the ring cracked with gravel flying everywhere. There was a hole in the ground. Meanwhile, 'Mad Tiger's head which was crushed to the ground was destroyed. Lin Huang then let go of his hand on 'Mad Tiger's head.

The audience's jaws dropped when they saw 'Sword Genius wins!' on the notice board. All they saw was 'Mad Tiger' plunging towards 'Sword Genius' then a quick blur as 'Sword Genius' avoided the attack. Then again a with such speed he leaped, smashing the head of 'Mad Tiger' into the ground. All happening within three seconds. The audience sat in silence amazed, followed by cheering and clapping.

"Congratulations, you have won the battle!"

"You managed to kill your opponent in one hit, you have obtained 2 points!"

Lin Huang was expressionless when he heard the announcement. The opponent was not weak at all he underestimated Lin Huang. Although the result would be similar if they do it all over again, at least the opponent would not lose in an ugly manner like he did.

"This 'Sword Genius' is getting unpredictable..." The young man in the golden robe who had been watching Lin Huang's battles looked very serious.

For the following battles, Lin Huang won easily. Up until the 49th battle, there was no opponent that was as powerful as 'Mad Tiger' and after killing all his opponents in one hit, Lin Huang welcomed his 50th opponent.

The 50 winning streaks was a great honor in the Hunter Arena, not many people would obtain that every year. There were less than 10 people, even combining the fighters from the first to the ninth floor.

The 50 winning streaks were difficult and as the 49th battle came to an end, the system would no longer follow the usual way of matching a player, instead, it would ask the winning fighter to choose a powerful opponent as the keeper.

The keeper would be chosen from those who ranked top 100 on the leaderboard. However, usually, the fighters chosen would be ranked lower than 50th. It was rare that those who were within the top 50 would be chosen as the keeper. As the system was matching the 50th opponent for Lin Huang, the audience stared at the ring without blinking.

Soon, the matching was done, and a person was sent into the ring. The audience was stunned by the appearance of his opponent...

# Chapter 189: The Appearance Of Sword Genius

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Across from Lin Huang, was a young man in white. He looked older than Lin Huang, about 16 or 17. He was not that tall and looked like he was 1.7 meters. His hair touched his chin, he had a small braid at the back of his head while the front was messy. However, Lin Huang had to admit that he was handsome. If he was to be placed on earth, girls would totally go after him. The most unique part about him was his small, long eyes that looked mysterious.

Lin Huang noticed there was a thin, long sword on his waist. From the size of the scabbard, the sword seemed to be different from a regular sword. It could be custom made. After checking him out, Lin Huang's conclusion was this man was powerful as he could sense a dangerous vibe from this young man. It was the first time he had such feeling in the ring. He had no idea who that young man was, however, the audience seemed to know.

After the young man was sent to the ring, within three seconds, the seats were all full with 10,000 people.

"Who is that kid in the mask? Why would he challenge 'Master White'?" Somebody asked.

"It's not that he challenged 'Master White', he was chosen by the system to be the keeper of his 50th battle." Someone explained.

"How is that possible?! The keeper would usually be chosen from

top 50 to top 100. It would only happen two or three times, where the top 30 would be chosen, but 'Master White' is 18th! How could he be chosen as the keeper?" Somebody found that unbelievable.

"It's true, perhaps this 'Sword Genius' is too powerful. However, the system is cruel to send 'Master White' to be his keeper, the winning streak might end now..."

After checking him out, Lin Huang took a look at his score.

"Nickname: Master White"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 1273"

"Accumulated Points: 8761"

"Winning Percentage: 98%"

He had battled more than a 1,000 times with outstanding points and winning percentage. Although Lin Huang had no idea who this person was, with the number of people who were watching this match, he could tell that this person was popular on the pitch floor.

"So the system is challenging me?" Lin Huang smirked as he knew at the 50th battle and above, he would be given a powerful

keeper.

Looking at the sword on his waist, Lin Huang did not want to risk his life. He then took out his silver-level battle sword.

"The 'Sword Genius' finally took out his sword!" Someone exclaimed, that person must have been watching Lin Huang's matches and knew that Lin Huang had never once used a sword in the battles. There were a couple of Lin Huang's past opponents among the audience. They had been watching his battles since they were defeated, including 'Mad Tiger' and 'White Gun'.

They were upset when they saw Lin Huang pulling out his sword as that meant Lin Huang did not show them his sword skills he had in early battles.

"Interesting..." Seeing that Lin Huang took out his sword, 'Master White' was not surprised. Instead, he was excited. He squinted while checking out Lin Huang. Meanwhile, Lin Huang stood wherever he was like a piece of rock without an expression.

The countdown ended, 'Master White' launched his attack. Drawing his sword out of the scabbard in a flash, within a breath, he leaped tens of meters forward and arrived right before Lin Huang. His sword was even faster than his feet, it was then pointed at Lin Huang's throat.

"That's fast!" Many in the audience thought as they watched. Some of them were concerned looking at where the sword was pointing at as they knew they would be dead if it was them in the

ring instead of Lin Huang.

However, the man in golden robe did not think that Lin Huang would die under that attack. The speed of attack was fast, probably faster than Lin Huang could comprehend. 'Master White' had a gift in speed, combining this skill which grew and improved as time passed by, speed was definitely his advantage. Moreover, to increase its speed, 'Master White' even modified the shape of his sword. It was longer, even the arc of the blade was modified to lessen the air pressure to reach its optimum speed.

If this happened in the past, Lin Huang's rhythm would be affected by his speed and he might fight back with speed as well, but Lin Huang who had a disadvantage in speed would definitely be defeated. However, he was a changed man. Seeing the lightning sword coming his way, he was calm and firmly stood his ground.

Just when the sword was reaching his throat, he avoided the attack with the help of cloud steps. At the same time, he swiped his battle sword at 'Master White' and sliced him across the waist with Great Sword Scripture. He waited for that moment as he knew there was no way that 'Master White' could avoid his attack. Even if he attacked one second earlier, 'Master White' could change his way of attack at any time.

Lin Huang's goal was to create an illusion where he did not have time to escape from 'Master White's lightning speed and just when he almost got him, only he would launch his attack. 'Master White' was shocked as he saw Lin Huang managed to avoid. He did not expect Lin Huang to escape when the tip of his sword had left a slight cut on Lin Huang's neck.

However, it was too late. He was defeated by his own speed. If he was slower, he could have retreated from what Lin Huang was going to do to him. As Lin Huang avoided 'Master White's sword, the silver-level battle sword sliced across his waist. He was stunned. Soon, blood was splashing with the top half of his body falling onto the ground.

The audience was shocked at what they were seeing. The 'Master White' who ranked 18th on the leaderboard was sliced in half! It was shocking to all of them. When they saw 'Sword Genius won!' on the noticeboard, only then they realized that they were not dreaming. What they saw on the ring was real! 'Master White' was defeated in one hit!

"Congratulations, you have won the battle!"

"You managed to kill your opponent in one hit, you have obtained 2 points!"

Lin Huang remained expressionless when he saw the notice. Soon, a different announcement came from the system.

"Congratulations player 'Sword Genius' defeated keeper 'Master White' on the sixth floor of the arena and won 50 consecutive battles!"

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The voice sounded like an old person, it was different from the lady's voice from previous announcements. It only stopped after repeating for three times. 50 winning streaks were different from other winning streaks as the announcement could be heard not only on the sixth floor but from the first to the ninth floor as well. All the players in Division7 could hear it.

Hearing the different announcement, Lin Huang frowned while touching the wound on his neck. He then left the ring and returned to the hall on the sixth floor. Watching the screen playing the scene where he sliced 'Master White's waist, he was speechless. He knew that 'Master White' would hate him if he was to see this. He shook his head and looked at his score.

"Nickname: Sword Genius"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 50"

"Accumulated Points: 1240"

"Winning Percentage: 100%"

"Honor: 50 consecutive wins!"

There was an honor added to his scoreboard and it was glowing in gold. It was sparkling and caught many's attention. Lin Huang turned off the projection and left the arena. After leaving the arena, he downloaded his own battle videos. After watching from the beginning to the end, he watched the match between him and 'Master white' repetitively. The more he watched, the more he frowned. He was not satisfied with his own performance.

"It seems like I took a risky move, it was not the best move that I have. If the person had the skill to speed up or extend the length of his sword, I would be dead in the battle. I did not think it through, there are other better ways of confronting him..." After concluding his mistakes, Lin Huang wrote down the strategies that he would have taken. Later, he switched on the arena and found 'Master White' on the leaderboard.

"18th!" Lin Huang only just found out that 'Master White' who he had just killed ranked so high on the leaderboard. However, he did not dwell on it while downloading all the battle videos of 'Master White' on the silver-level rank-3 arena. He wanted to see how did the others defeated him, perhaps he could find other strategies that he had never thought before. Even if he did not explore more strategies, watching the videos could benefit him where he could apply strategies when encountering opponents who had lightning speed.

## Chapter 190: Two Packages

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It was past 12, midnight when Lin Huang turned off the videos. As he was ready to take a shower, he noticed the bed not far away from him. There was a light silver glow flowing on Lin Xuan's body. The glow was insignificant, and it could not be seen when there was light. If Lin Huang did not look correctly, he would have missed it.

"Is that Life Power?" Lin Huang thought it was unbelievable as he had just checked on Lin Xuan during the day, which he found out that there was no Life Power in Lin Xuan's body. However, the Life Power was growing on the surface of his body when he was sleeping. In fact, it was the silver Life Power of a silver-level player.

Lin Huang could even sense that the Life Power was similar to his. He then recalled that the exhausted feeling he got from his Life Power when he was checking on Lin Xuan was a little odd.

"Perhaps this kid absorbed a portion of my Life Power and is cultivating his own?" Lin Huang guessed. If he were not a traveler, he would not have imagined such possibility.

After washing himself, Lin Huang didn't head straight to bed. Instead, he was looking at some videos while watching Lin Xuan occasionally. Lin Xuan was in a deep sleep that night, the Life Power on his body was growing stronger. It finally stopped building when it was on the same level as the silver-level. It then faded away as if it had never appeared before.

On the next morning, Lin Xuan saw that Lin Huang was up when he got out of bed. He did not know that Lin Huang had not slept at all that night.

Seeing that Lin Xuan had woken up, Lin Huang immediately asked: "Did you feel any discomfort last night?". Lin Xuan shook his head in doubt. He did not understand why did Lin Huang had asked such a question.

"Come here, give me your hand." Lin Huang waved to him.

Although he was doubtful, Lin Xuan walked to Lin Huang in his pajamas. He then put his hand on Lin Huang's palm. Soon, Lin Huang's Life Power flowed into Lin Xuan's body. This time, once the Life Power entered, Lin Huang could sense that Lin Xuan was now a silver-level rank-3 with a mighty Life Power. His Life Power was neither weaker nor stronger than Lin Huang's.

"I knew it!"

After releasing Lin Xuan's hand, Lin Huang confirmed that Lin Xuan had cloned his Life Power and cultivated it on his own. Lin Xuan was gifted; if a traveler's Goldfinger was a conduit in this world, then Lin Xuan's body itself would be a powerful conduit.

"If he could clone my Life Power, he might be able to clone the Life Power of a gold-level person. Not sure if he had any skills in cloning, if he did, he could level-up to transcendent or even demigod from an ordinary person..."

Lin Xuan's origin was getting more and more mysterious, and Lin Huang was concerned.

"We must move away as soon as possible!"

It was the weekend, and Lin Huang went to the Credit Bureau early in the morning to transfer 1,500 Life Crystals to Yang Ling. When he got home, he called out to Lin Xin.

"Xin Er, shall we move to a B-grade foothold?" Lin Huang asked while smiling.

"But the accommodation rights of a B-grade foothold..." Lin Xin knew without the right permissions. She would not be able to continue her studies.

"I have my way to obtain the accommodation. We will leave during the winter holiday. Let's decide on which B-grade foothold we would like to live in. The safety is much higher than D-grade footholds such as Wulin Town. I won't be as worried whenever I need to leave home." Lin Huang kept quiet about the real reason he wanted to move.

"Then I'll do the school application with my headmaster in a couple of days." Lin Xin did not ask further. The sudden request surprised her but she knew Lin Huang had his reasons and she decided to trust him. She looked around the house, "Brother if we move away, must we sell the house?"

"We're not selling the house since we won't be able to sell it off in such a short period, we don't need the money anyway. The house will stay, it could be our holiday resort." Lin Huang never planned to sell the house.

"Sure!" Lin Xin felt better again when she heard they were not selling the house.

"However, you won't be able to see your friends at school anymore." Lin Huang empathized with her.

"It's alright. It's not like we are never coming back to this town." Lin Xin had an open mind, "Besides, even if we didn't move away. After I graduated in half a year, everyone would leave anyway. We wouldn't be able to see each other often, so it really doesn't matter."

"Alright then. Let's settle your school application within these few days before the winter holiday. I will book the ticket, and we shall leave during the holiday. Let's not go to Snow Ridge City, let's go to Winter City in the B-grade foothold. If we like it, we shall stay there. If not, we could see other B-grade footholds after watching the snow." Lin Huang had done up the preliminary arrangement. Lin Xin nodded immediately; she was a girl who loved snow. Winter was her favorite season, and she was excited when she heard they might be staying in Snow City.

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For the following days, Lin Huang gave Lin Xuan his Gun Masters

account. Lin Xuan did not have any opponents anymore in the normal zone, many of his battle videos were uploaded to the network as learning material. Now that he had Life Power, he could enter the exclusive zone for a hunter. That was why Lin Huang gave him his personal account. Meanwhile, he proceeded to evaluate 'Master White's' battle videos to come up with a strategy to combat opponents who were expert in speed like him. Through the videos, he had learned many battle experiences and concluded some strategies that were suitable for him.

Five days soon passed by, with the Silvertongue Bird arriving at their doorstep in the morning.

"There are packages for you, Mr. Lin Huang!"

After feeding the bird a bunch of sweets, the bird dropped two packages from its feather. There was a package that was the size of a fist; Lin Huang figured that must be the Emperor's Heart Ring that was sent by Yang Ling. Meanwhile, the other box was 30 centimeters tall and wide.

After moving two boxes into the room, Lin Huang opened the box that was the size of a fist first. It was covered with layers of shockproof materials. It was a silver-colored Emperor's Heart Ring. He called out to Lin Xuan immediately and passed the ring to him. He then taught Lin Xuan how to activate the ring as well as creating an account for him in the Gun Master.

After Lin Xuan went back upstairs, Lin Huang looked at the unfamiliar box. Skeptical, he opened the top of the box. He was surprised to see what was inside. It was a black jar, the pattern on

the jar was simple. Lin Huang recognized it was the jar which Scarface used to contain his ashes when he was watching as the Specter in the Purple Crow. He opened the cover of the jar; it was empty. The deceiving effect from the card had worn off. Lin Huang frowned and broke the jar. He then carried the box out and tossed them into the rubbish in together with the jar pieces.



# Chapter 191: Danger Is Coming

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After the 50-win-streak, Lin Huang had not been to the Hunter Arena for a couple of days. During that few days, the Hunter Arena was crowded. It was close to the New Year, and Lin Huang was the fourth person who managed to win 50 consecutive battles this year. Not only that, he had completed all 50 fights in one hit. The name 'Sword Genius' had spread around.

In the Hunter Arena, there were only a couple of them who managed to achieve 50 consecutive wins every year. However, the last person who managed to kill all 50 opponents in one hit was 11 years ago. The person was now a transcendent as well as the executive office of a major organization. Another unique point was that it was the first time the Hunter Arena had someone in top 20 to be the keeper of the 50th battle. The most powerful keeper they had from the first floor all the way to the ninth was the person ranked 33rd, none of them were before No.30. What Lin Huang had encountered was a first time even for other players.

The name 'Sword Genius' was now a hot topic. Many were trying to guess who Sword Genius really was. Many of them speculated that Lin Huang was a member of the military in the Union Government as most of them could tell that he was using Fatal Tactics . The combination of Fatal Tactics and Army Attack Tactics was a movement skill often used by the military. It was common for people from the Union Government's military to battle in the Hunter Arena as many of them held a hunter license.

Some of them figured Lin Huang could be a member of royalty and he used Fatal Tactics to cover his real identity. For his sword skill, as he had only used it once, the people could not tell which

sword skill he was using. All they knew was, his sword skill was ridiculously good. They could not get any clues from that one attack. However, not everyone was happy to see Lin Huang's fame, including 'Master White' who was defeated by Lin Huang a couple of days ago.

Many in the Hunter Arena knew who 'Master White' was, he was the third son of a royal family. He was also one of the heirs of the throne. 'Master White' had lost more than once in battle before. However, he was oddly unhappy to be defeated by Lin Huang. Master White was not only defeated, but the scene of him being killed was repeatedly played on the big screen on the sixth floor. Although he managed to get the video to stop playing on the days he was around, but many had seen the video as well as spent money to download the video. There were a couple million downloads so far.

"Show me who this kid is." 'Master White' had found an information trafficker on the arena hall. Soon, the trafficker came back, "His personal details were locked by the Hunter Association management. All I know is that he is a Gold Hunter."

"Gold Hunter?" Master White thought it was strange. Of course, he knew that Lin Huang was not a gold-level as he could sense his aura. Besides, everyone here entered the arena with their conscious, where there was no way that they could cover their abilities. Nobody could escape the system scanning you, and since Lin Huang was sent to the sixth floor, that meant he was only a silver-level rank-3.

To be able to get a Gold Hunter license with silver-level rank-3

ability, it meant the Hunter Association had confirmed that he had the ability to kill gold-level monsters. The Hunter Association had a basic standard for evaluating hunters. They would not give out a license just like that.

"There's no way at all? I could pay you more." Master White said to the trafficker.

"There's no way, even an executive officer could not see his personal details, we can't even get his real name." The trafficker shook his head, "It would be the same even if you look for someone else, his identity has been covered on purpose."

"Does that mean this Sword Genius knows the executive officers of the Hunter Association?" Master White frowned.

Lin Huang did not know what happened in the arena. He had no idea that Mr. Fu got Old Li to lock Lin Huang's details. Old Li did what he said, which made it impossible for Master White to find out who Lin Huang was. However, Master White's appearance as a keeper kept Lin Huang alert.

"They sent No.18 as the keeper on the 50th battle, that means the keeper in the future would rank even higher. If the system wanted to, it could even give me a keeper in the top 10..."

Lin Huang had decided to watch all battle videos of the top 10 battles before going into the fights again. He did not want his winning streak to end, as once it ended, everything had to start from scratch again. He was only given two months to finish his

mission, he did not have much time. For the following days, besides eating and sleeping, Lin Huang spent his time evaluating the videos. What he did not know was that danger was coming to him.

Two young men in gray coats left the spaceship at the central plaza of Baqi City.

"Hong Ming, this is our first mission ever, since we left the training camp. If we had any misunderstandings in the training camp, we have to let it go. Focus on completing the mission together. We shall talk about that in the future!" The shorter man said to the taller man.

"What could happen? We're just here to get a girl that was not even an iron-level, how could we fail?" The tall man who was named Hong Ming glared at the shorty.

"Ren Yan, weren't you all heroic in the training camp? Why are you such a sissy now?"

"What sissy, it's called being cautious!" Ren Yan shouted at him.

"How is that necessary, we're both gold-level reserve members of the Purple Crow. The girl, Lin Xin is only 14 this year, she hasn't even graduated Hunter Reserve College. She couldn't even be an iron-level. Do you think it would be difficult to get her?" The mission was nothing to Hong Ming.

"If we complete the mission quick, we would have one week to relax around this foothold. The girl is the perfect age to..." Hong Ming licked his lips.

"Please don't mess around if you don't want to die, the seniors want the girl. If something goes wrong, it's you who will take the blame, don't involve me." Ren Yan frowned while looking at Hong Ming.

"Behave yourself, or else I would chop off your dick!"

"Why are you angry? Oh yeah, what is the name of the town, the girl is staying again?" Hong Ming asked.

"Wulin Town." Ren Yan had stopped a passing monster car.

Hong Ming followed too.

"Where are the both of you heading to?" The old man driving the monster car asked.

"The Eagle Station!" Ren Yan said.

"Sure!" The old man could tell that they were both unfriendly. He did not talk further, instead drove straight to the Eagle Station in silence. After they were dropped off, Ren Yan and Hong Ming rented an eagle each and headed to Wulin Town...

# Chapter 192: Reason For The Purple Crow's Presence

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While Lin Huang was taking down notes from the videos on the couch, someone knocked on the door.

"Who could it be?" Lin Huang frowned. As he and Lin Xin were orphans, nobody had ever visited their home during the six months they had arrived in this world. He had only seen his neighbors, but they had never visited each other before. Lin Xin's friends had visited once or twice. However, Lin Xin was at school, and it was impossible that it was her friends.

With much doubt, Lin Huang opened the door. Seeing the two men in gray coats, Lin Huang had his guard up. They were obviously not Lin Xin's friends. He could smell the blood from their bodies, a smell people had when they killed many others. Lin Huang had officially joined the Purple Crow. He could tell that both of them were reserve members in an instant. However, all the gold-level staff were wearing this uniform in the training camp, that was why he could not tell who the two men were.

"Who are you looking for?" Lin Huang asked.

Both of them were stunned, as they were expecting a girl but a young man opened the door. They could even sense that Lin Huang was silver-level. Ren Yan snapped out of it at an instant and asked, "May I know if Lin Xin stays here?"

Lin Huang heart sank when he heard they were coming for Lin

Xin.

"I think you guys are at the wrong house. She stays in the house at the next unit." Lin Huang pointed at a block that was not far away.

"Isn't this the address? Could I have mistaken the address?" Ren Yan searched for the address in the note that he jotted down in his Emperor's Heart Ring. Just when the both of them looked down, Bai appeared behind them. When they found out, Bai's wings transformed into two blades strangling their necks. Lin Huang smirked, "Let's talk inside my home."

"Hey, you must know that we're from the Purple Crow. We don't know who you are, but if you offend the Purple Crow, you would be in great trouble!" Hong Ming yelled.

Ren Yan gave a deadly stare in Hong Ming's direction. They should not be revealing who they were.

"Purple Crow?"

Lin Huang frowned, he did not expect the Purple Crow to come here for him. He thought he had covered everything up, nobody from the Purple Crow should know that he was still alive. It was strange that the both of them were here for Lin Xin.

"Come in. I have some questions for you." Lin Huang opened his door.

As they were held hostage by Bai, they had to obey what Lin Huang said. Lin Huang shut his door, sat on the couch while looking at both of them, who stood in front of the coffee table. Bai was standing behind them, as soon as he used even the slightest of force, both of their heads would be chopped off in an instant.

"Don't waste your time. We will not tell you anything." As Lin Huang was checking them out, Ren Yan took the lead and said that. He did not want Hong Ming to reveal anything more about them.

"Really? I'll show you how I make people tell me things then." Lin Huang smirked.

Suddenly, the Ghastly Clown appeared next to him.

"This clown..." The both of them were shocked when they saw the Ghastly Clown. The Ghastly Clown appeared in Daxi City earlier. It was the same territory of the Purple Crow. The regular members were not the only people who knew but many reserve members knew about this incident and what the clown looked like as well. Although the gold-level Ghastly Clown seemed slightly different now, they could still recognize it.

"Ghastly Clown, let's ask this big guy first." Lin Huang said. The Ghastly Clown grinned while nodding. A mask of Hong Ming's face formed in its hand. As it placed the mask on its face, Hong Ming's eyes went blank.



"Your name, age?"

"Hong Ming, 21 years old," answering without any expression.

"Which organization are you from? What's your identity?"

"I'm from the Purple Crow. I just graduated from the training camp a month ago. I'm a Purple Crow reserve member."

Ren Yan was shocked, "Hong Ming, what are you doing? Wake up!"

Bai's wing transformed into a hand and covered Ren Yan's mouth to stop him from talking.

"There's no use if you yell. Even if we killed him, he wouldn't wake up." Lin Huang glared at Ren Yan. Lin Huang then looked at Hong Ming again, "Tell me a secret that nobody knows."

"When my sister was 13, I raped and killed her. After I dismembered her dead body, I buried her body parts in my neighbor's yard. Nobody knew I did it. After the body parts were found, my neighbor was sentenced to death by the Union Government..."

Lin Huang frowned as he heard the dark story. Hong Ming was obviously not someone good. Ren Yan found that unbelievable. Not the fact that Hong Ming killed his sister, but that Lin Huang managed to ask something like that. That would mean Lin Huang

could be able to get everything and anything he wanted to know from Hong Ming.

"What is your mission this time?" After confirming that the Grimace Clown had absolute control over them, Lin Huang asked what he wanted to ask.

"To bring back a girl named Lin Xin from Wulin Town." Hong Ming answered expressionlessly.

"Why is that so?" Lin Huang could not understand.

"It was said that Lin Xin's brother is a powerful Imperial Censor who has a double mutated monster. He used to be one of us. However, he died in an accident. As Imperial Censor genes were inherited, the Purple Crow suspected that Lin Xin had the genes of an Imperial Censor as well so they wanted us to bring her back to train her."

Lin Huang did not know that Hong Zhuang asked Lu Xuan and Scarface to find another Imperial Censor within a year. They could not find any while Scarface recalled Lin Huang having a sister. So both the men were sent here to bring Lin Xin back.

"What do you guys know about Lin Xin's brother?" Lin Huang asked.

"We don't know much, we only know that the management loves him and he's a genius who can control a double mutated monster.

However, he was killed in an accident." It was obvious that Hong Ming did not know about Lin Huang.

"What do you know about Lin Xin?" Lin Huang was concerned.

"She's just an ordinary person, she means almost nothing to the organization." Lin Huang frowned at Hong Ming's answer. After a couple more questions, Lin Huang nodded to Bai.

A red glow flashed and Hong Ming's head was chopped off. However, no blood came out of the wound at all and it seemed like it was being absorbed by something. Meanwhile, the wings glowed.

Ren Yan was shocked at what he just saw. Seeing that Hong Ming's dead body fell on the ground, Lin Huang then looked at Ren Yan. Bai let go of his wing that was covering his mouth.

"You... You are Lin Xin's brother... You didn't die!" Ren Yan could tell that Lin Huang's identity from the conversation he had with Hong Ming.

"You are right, but there's no reward for you." Lin Huang nodded at the Ghastly Clown.

A new mask appeared on the Ghastly Clown's hand, and it was the face of Ren Yan.

"It's the one that invaded Daxi City..." Ren Yan looked at Lin

Huang in fear, "How is this possible, who are you?"

The Ghastly Clown put the new mask on its face, Ren Yan's eyes became blank.

"Your name and age?"

"Ren Yan, 19."

"Which organization are you from? What is your identity?"

"Purple Crow, reserve member..."

"How many family members do you have?" Lin Huang would always ask something private to make sure that he had the full control of the person.

"Mother and brother..."

Lin Huang asked the questions that he asked Hong Ming and got the same answers from Ren Yan. However, he added a couple more questions.

"You believe you have a due date for this mission, when is the due date?"

"We arrived much earlier than expected, and we still have a week

left. We have to capture Lin Xin within a week and contact our senior that we have captured Lin Xin." Ren Yan explained.

"What happened if you do not report after the due date? What will Purple Crow do to you?" Lin Huang asked.

"That'll mean the mission has failed. If our senior cannot get in touch with us, it would mean that we're dead and the mission difficulty has been upgraded. The organization would then send more reserve members to join the mission in order to figure out what had happened. They would then know when they should send the official members."

Lin Huang frowned. Soon, the mask on the clown faded. Just when Ren Yan was gaining conscious, there was another mask appeared on Lin Huang's hand. He then placed the mask on his face. Ren Yan was only a gold-level rank-1, Lin Huang could still control him with the mask. After the mask faded from the clown, Lin Huang took over.

"Call your senior!" Lin Huang instructed immediately. Ren Yan did what he asked. After the phone was connected, Lin Huang heard a voice that he was familiar with. It was Scarface.

"Ren Yan, has the mission been completed?"

"Yes, it's been completed and I've booked a ticket back next week." Lin Huang got Ren Yan to reply exactly the way he wanted.

"You managed to complete your mission a week ahead of schedule. That's great!"

"You trained me well, master." Ren Yan said.

"Alright then. Come back immediately, don't waste any of your time!" Scarface seemed to be impatient.

"Yes!"

After the phone hung up, Lin Huang was still upset although the phone call gave him one more month. He then nodded to Bai and the red blade chopped off Ren Yan's head. His head separated from his neck without so much as a single drop of blood. Lin Huang then summoned the Viridian Wolf to eat both of the corpses. Once the Viridian Wolf finished eating, Lin Huang quickly recalled it...

## Chapter 193: Leaving Wulin Town

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After settling the two dead bodies of the Purple Crow members, Lin Huang frowned. Lin Xin could not use her identity anymore or else the Purple Crow would come to look for her again if the both of them did not return after a month. No matter which foothold they were going to, Lin Xin couldn't use her identity to book tickets. If she did, the Purple Crow could easily discover her.

Lin Huang then called Yang Ling. Yang Ling picked up his call while yawning. He looked tired.

"So have you decided on which foothold you're going to stay at?"

"No, I'd like to order a new Emperor's Heart Ring from you." Lin Huang wanted to get Lin Xin a new identity.

"Helping your friend again?" Yang Ling did not find that odd.

"I guess you can say that." Lin Huang nodded.

"No problem, which one would you like?"

"The one that costs 100 Life Crystal will be alright." Lin Xin would still have to study at the Hunter Reserve College for half a year and take the graduation assessment before furthering her studies in the prestige school. There was no need for her to use a hunter identity, she only needed the one suitable for an ordinary person.

Yang Ling nodded, "Same thing. Send me the name, age, and photo." "Do I send it to the usual address?"

"No, please send it to Snow City, I'll pick it up myself." Lin Huang had his own arrangement.

"I will send you the details later, after five o'clock."

"Sure." Yang Ling did not ask further.

"Oh yeah, can you make fake school transfer applications as well?" Lin Huang asked.

"Hardly, but it's a simple process. Let me know which school you want to transfer to and I'll make one for you for free since it's cheap." Yang Ling was generous.

"Thank you then. I will send both sets of information to you t around five o'clock."

After some hesitation, Lin Huang decided to ask Yang Ling about something that was on his mind, "There's something that I'd like to ask you..."

"Do tell." Yang Ling frowned before nodded.

"I escaped from the Purple Crow by faking my death. If they



found out that I'm still alive, will they have ways to find me?" Lin Huang decided to tell Yang Ling the truth.

"Theoretically, I'm not supposed to intervene in the personal problems of my customers. I'm just the one creating fake identities for them. However, since your question is within my field of professionalism and you're my regular customer, I'll answer you this one time. As long as you do not guard the privacy of your personal details, they can find you in many ways. There are only two ways to prevent that.

One is to avoid from appearing in places that require you to scan your identity. Another would be to tighten the security settings for the privacy of your personal details.

Lin Huang frowned as he listened but decided to ask, "Which level of privacy is safe enough?"

"You'll need at least a senior executive officers rank or be on the intensive training list with the Hunter Association because the privacy setting is the same setting that senior executive officers use."

"Can you do that from your side?" Lin Huang asked while he frowned.

"I can't do it..." Yang Ling shook his head. "There's only a limited number of ways to get into intensive training or become a senior executive officer in any division. The Hunter Association's system would conduct spot checks every year. You'll be exposed easily. I

suggest you use your fake identity after you've moved away."

"Is there no other way?" Lin Huang did not want to give up.

"From my experience, there's no other way." Yang Ling shook his head while he opened a page in front of Lin Huang, "Let me show you. Your identity is ranked under the regular rank in the Hunter Association. I could easily hack into the system or the Union Government's system to get your personal details..."

Just when Yang Ling was ready to show Lin Huang, he realized that he could not find anything about him, "Eh, what happened?"

"What's wrong?" Lin Huang did not understand what Yang Ling wanted to show him with the blank page.

"Hold on..." After a couple of attempts, Yang Ling still could not find anything about Lin Huang. Later on, he finally found Lin Huang's details after using a unique technique. He then looked at Lin Huang, "Hey, were you listed in the intensive training list?"

"No." Lin Huang shook his head, "I'm just a Gold Hunter, I did not pass the final review for intensive training."

"That means somebody did something to your privacy settings." Yang Ling was sure, "Your privacy has been upgraded to that of a senior executive officer's rank. People below that rank will not be able to access your details. It has been done officially as well and the person who applied this setting for you was Li Mingzheng. I

didn't know that you had such a powerful background."

"Who is this Li Mingzheng? Why did he upgrade my privacy rank?" Lin Huang thought it was strange, but soon, he thought of his master Mr. Fu, "Perhaps master got somebody to do it?"

Lin Huang thought about it again, that was the only possibility. Although Mr. Fu was not a member of the Hunter Association, from the assessment, it was apparent that he was close to the Hunter Association. To protect Lin Huang, he got the association to protect his privacy. He was the only one who would do that.

"That means I don't have to be worried that the Purple Crow could find me?" Lin Huang asked.

"That right. With your privacy rank now, there's no need to worry. In the Hunter Association, only senior executive officers or people who're ranked higher than them could gain access to your details. Outsiders, Union Government included, cannot get access unless they get an approval from Li Mingzheng." Yang Ling nodded.

"You got through, are you sure others will not be able to get access?" Lin Huang was skeptical.

"Heh. It's different for me, my case is unique. Don't worry, outsiders won't be able to access your personal details unless the Purple Crow has a spy who's ranked at the senior executive level or higher. Else, they'd never find you." Yang Ling gave Lin Huang a firm answer.

Lin Huang had no idea that his privacy ranking was so high. "Alright then, I'll trust you. Thanks!"

"If that's all, I'll hang up now. Send over the details of the new identity and school transfer application as soon as you can."

"That will be all. I'll send both to you later." Replied Yang Ling.

Lin Huang felt a deep sense of relief after the phone call ended.

It was after five o'clock in the evening when Lin Xin came back from school.

"Xin Er, bring your stuff. We're leaving Wulin Town tonight." Lin Huang said to Lin Xin just as she entered.

"I thought we'd only leave a week later? I didn't even have a chance to speak to my teacher yet..." Lin Xin was shocked.

"I have gotten my friend to apply for the school transfer for you. We need to leave today." After some hesitation, Lin Huang told Lin Xin, "I offended the Purple Crow earlier. They sent somebody here looking for us, and I killed them. If we don't leave now, there'll be more people coming for us..."

"Purple Crow... From the underworld?" Lin Xin was shocked when she heard what Lin Huang said.

Lin Huang nodded, "That's the real reason why we need to move away, I didn't expect them to come so soon."

"I'll go upstairs to pack my stuff then." Lin Xin sensed the urgency and went upstairs. Lin Huang headed to his room as well. After briefing Lin Xuan, he began to pack his belongings up. He spent half an hour to get things done and managed to bring along Lin Xuan's stuff as well. Lin Xuan didn't have a lot of things to pack. It was mainly clothes and shoes as well as toys and gifts given to him by Lin Huang and Lin Xin.

Lin Huang then went to the balcony on the fourth floor and took the barbecue machine with him. As he walked down, he shut all the doors and windows. When he arrived on the first floor, he grabbed everything he needed. 10 minutes later, Lin Xin had finally finished. Seeing Lin Xin coming down, Lin Huang said, "Xin Er, transfer all your stuff into my Emperor's Heart Ring. You can't use your ring anymore or the Purple Crow will be able to track you."

"But there are so many credit points I could spend..." Lin Xin didn't want to waste any of the credit points she had.

"That's nothing, silly. The Purple Crow will find out know if you do a transfer, I can make that small amount of credits in your account in just one day." Lin Huang shook his head and smiled.

Lin Xin then placed the stuff on the couch and coffee table and Lin Huang put them away into his storage space. After everything was stored, Lin Xin took off her Emperor's Heart Ring with a heavy

heart and gave it to Lin Huang. After all, she had been wearing it since the day she came to this world. Lin Huang, on the other hand, did not have any feelings towards the ring. He tossed it on the floor and crushed it.

After throwing the pieces away into the rubbish bin, the three of them left the house. Lin Xin took a good last look at their home while Lin Huang closed the door, shaking his head. He then threw a couple of trash bags into the rubbish bin at the entrance. Lin Huang turned around to look at the luxurious four-story house. He then summoned the Viridian Wolf, and the three of them headed to the east gate.

"Brother, where are we going?" Lin Xin just realized that she had no idea where they were heading.

"Let's head to Li City in foothold No.7C88." After contacting Yang Ling, Lin Huang had made all the arrangements.

"Li City? I know it's not safe in Baqi City, but this foothold is even further away from foothold No.7C86 and No.7C89!" Lin Xin could not understand.

"Yes, it's further but safer. It'll take us three days to fly there so we'll have to stay in the wild for two days." Lin Huang explained briefly.

Minutes later, they arrived outside the east gate. Lin Huang unloaded their belongings and recalled the Viridian Wolf and summoned the Alexandrian Eagle. He placed two seats on the

eagle's back and got Lin Xin and Lin Xuan to ride on it. They headed Li City's direction...

# Chapter 194: Arriving In Snow City

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After spending three nights in the wild zone, Lin Huang finally brought Lin Xin and Lin Xuan to foothold No.7C88 - Li City. Lin Huang used Lin Xuan, Ye Xiu and his own identity to purchase the tickets. He even chose rooms on different floors. The Purple Crow did not know about the existence of Lin Xuan and Ye Xiu was still unknown to anyone. Meanwhile, outsiders could not even identify Lin Huang. Even if the Demonic Crystal Spaceship's network got hacked, they could not gain access to Lin Huang's identity and purchase history. They wouldn't be able to find Lin Huang's name.

Their spaceship would depart three days later, the three of them could take a good rest during that period. It was torture for Lin Xin to stay in the wild zone earlier. After picking a hotel near the plaza where the spaceship docked, Lin Huang used Ye Xiu's identity to register the room. He then brought the both of them in.

It was a suite with three bedrooms where each of them could get one bedroom of their own. Lin Huang was relieved. While staying in the hotel, he finally got the time to reevaluate the battle videos. Meanwhile, Lin Xin and Lin Xuan tried not to head outside and they would only order takeaway food. During the three days in Li City, they only went out with Lin Huang twice.

On the fourth morning, the spaceship landed on the plaza. After breakfast; Lin Huang brought the both of them to board the spacecraft. He passed Ye Xiu's Emperor's Heart Ring to Lin Xin, the three of them boarded the spaceship successfully. The non-VIP rooms in the spaceship only had one living room and one bedroom. Lin Xin slept in the bedroom on her own while Lin Huang moved the small bed for children out for Lin Xuan; Lin Huang slept on the



couch in the living room.

It would take 16 days to arrive in Snow City from Li City, and it would be New Year's Eve when they finally got there. During the 16 days on the spaceship, Lin Huang immersed himself in the battle videos. However, he didn't enter the arena. Concerned about Lin Xin and Lin Xuan; he couldn't get into the mood for a battle.

Meanwhile, Lin Xuan did not know what was happening while he immersed himself in Gun Master. Ever since he gotten his account access into the exclusive zone for hunters; he was even more enthusiastic in playing the game as he would always encounter a professional that he could learn from.

Besides eating and sleeping, he spent all his time in the game. Although Lin Xin was aware that trouble was coming to them, she chose to trust Lin Huang. She spent most of the time on her homework as she knew the learning standard in a B-grade foothold would be higher than a D-grade foothold. Her result in the Hunter Reserve College was outstanding, but it would not be easy to attain the same results at a school in a B-grade foothold.

During the 16 days; Lin Huang managed to watch all the battle videos of players ranked from 6th to 3rd. He could have observed and learned more, but the spaceship landed safely in Snow City as expected even when it was snowing outside. After getting off the ship; Lin Huang brought the both of them to the delivery company to pick up the package from Yang Ling before checking into the hotel. Lin Xin's new identity was Ling Xue; she gave herself that name. Coming up with the backstory of being an aboriginal from Snow City.

Lin Xin was cheerful wearing her new Emperor's Heart Ring while watching the snow falling from the sky. Lin Xuan looked just as happy watching the snowflakes fall to the window. It seemed like it was his first time seeing snow.

"Alright, stop blocking the way you two. If we stay here, there will still be many chances in the future for both of you to look at snow." Lin Huang got them to walk faster to the hotel.

When they entered the hotel room, the both of them ran straight to the balcony and refused to go back in.

"You guys can stay here to watch the snow, just don't catch a cold." Lin Huang then placed a sweater on both of them and returned to the living room. Looking at the falling snow from the transparent window, Lin Huang was stunned. It had been years since Lin Huang had last seen snow like this. He studied at the Northeastern University; had never returned to the place since he graduated.

The sound of boiling water woke him up from his nap. "Are you guys done? Come inside and drink some hot tea!" he told the two kids.

He took three cups from the side along with the tea leaves; making three cups of tea. The two of them ignored Lin Huang and remained on the balcony; gazing at the snow. "If the both of you refuse to come in, I'll have to make you! Three, two..."

Lin Xin and Lin Xuan returned to the living room almost immediately, taking the tea from Lin Huang and sitting on the couch warming their hands with the hot drink.

Moments later, Lin Xin took a sip of the tea when it was not so hot anymore. "Brother, I like it here. Let's stay in Snow City!"

Lin Huang smiled, he did not expect Lin Xin to have such a great impression on the city and decide so quickly.

"Xiao Xuan, your sister likes it here. What about you?" Lin Huang then looked at Lin Xuan.

"It's good." Lin Xuan nodded immediately. He seemed to be mesmerized by the snow.

"Alright then, so this is it. We shall stay in Snow City!" Lin Huang nodded.

Seeing that Lin Xin and Lin Xuan ran to the balcony again after sipping their tea, Lin Huang went into the room and called Yang Ling. He was the same man who looked like he had not slept for days with bed hair and clothes that resembled a homeless person.

"So have you received the stuff that I sent you?" Yang Ling asked while yawning.

"Yes, I just got it thanks!" Lin Huang nodded.

Although Yang Ling looked clumsy, he was trustworthy.

"What else do you need from me? Have you decided on which foothold you'd like to stay at?" Yang Ling asked.

"I've decided yes, Snow City it is." Lin Huang smiled and nodded.

"How much would that be?"

"Snow City is good. It's considered one of the hottest tourists spots during the winter season. It'll be 16,000 but if you can pay me the full amount, I can give it to you at 15,000. If you'd like to pay by installment, you'll need to pay the full amount but there won't be any interest." Yang Ling told Lin Huang directly without beating around the bush.

"I'll pay for it by installment then since I don't have much on hand." Lin Huang felt helpless as he had never bought anything by installments before. Even when he had a credit card on earth, he would always pay whatever he'd spent at once without any delay. However, he had no choice this time.

"Sure, I'll send it to you once I get it later. Since the sum is quite significant, try to pay me every month and I'll give you 12 months to pay it off." Yang Ling did not even bother to come up with a contract with Lin Huang and hung up the phone.

Three to five minutes later, Lin Huang received a message

without any words but only an attachment. Lin Huang downloaded the attachment immediately. It was a three-dimensional white token. It was the residential token which represented one's right to claim residence in Snow City. He tapped on the token, Ye Xiu's identity was displayed along with the residential area Snow City.

"It'll be New Year's Eve two days later. I'll pick a house today and purchase it tomorrow then move in straight away for New Year."

After making the arrangement, Lin Huang called out to Lin Xin and Lin Xuan.

"It'll be New Year's the day after tomorrow. The both of you have a mission today - which is to choose a couple of houses from the network. You'll have to get it done by today as we'll be looking at the houses tomorrow. If any of them are suitable, we'll buy it and live there. We can't be staying in a hotel on New Year's Eve. We should be staying at our house!" Lin Huang said to the both of them.

They nodded and started browsing the Heart Network. Lin Huang was browsing too; he told the both of them that their mission was to see what kind of houses they liked. A couple of hours passed and all three of them were still looking at houses on the couch. Lin Huang had picked a couple of them that he liked, he then asked the both of them, "So have you guys found anything yet?"

"They're all so expensive..." Lin Xin was upset. She saw some that she liked but she did not pick them as they were too expensive.

"Don't look at the price, just show me those that you like." The cost of houses in a B-grade foothold was considered expensive to ordinary people. However, it was nothing to hunters.

Lin Huang then looked at Lin Xuan, "Xiao Xuan, show me those that you picked."

Lin Xuan nodded and showed Lin Huang the houses that he picked. He didn't consider factors such as price; he only chose those that he liked. While Lin Huang looked at the pictures, Lin Xin join too. She was stunned to see that all of the houses Lin Xuan picked were all above 100 million credit points.

Lin Huang nodded as he was satisfied with the houses that Lin Xuan picked, two of them were to his liking.

"Xin Er, is there any that you like from what Lin Xuan picked?" Lin Huang asked Lin Xin and added, "Don't worry about the price."

"They all seem so good, but these two houses are my favorite!" Lin Xin pointed at the two that she liked, Lin Huang picked one of them as well. The other was similar to the house that they stayed in Wulin Town. It was a three-story single resort which was much larger with an extra courtyard.

"Sure, we'll take a look at these three houses tomorrow!" Lin Huang picked the house that looked like a resort and another two that he liked.

# Chapter 195: Buying A House

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After picking three houses, Lin Huang brought Lin Xin and Lin Xuan to the real estates riding on the Alexandrian Eagle. It was one of the houses that all three of them had chosen, located in the far north of Snow City. As they rode on the eagle, Lin Huang frowned; he thought the location was too remote. He noticed on the map that the house was away from the city center, but he did not expect it to be so far away. It was at least 20 kilometers away from the city. The further they traveled north the fewer buildings there were.

There were not many houses in the area as there were less than 40 units. The eagle landed at the entrance of the sales building. "Brother, this location is a little too far away..." Lin Xin said to him.

"I think so too but since we're here, let's take a look anyway." Lin Huang smiled.

A man in a suit approached them as they talked. Seeing the Alexandrian Eagle, the man had a big smile plastered on his face.

"I believe you guys are here to see the house?" The man said, "We don't have many of them here, there are a total of 36 houses of nine different styles with different decorations..."

The man did not stop talking and he managed to convince Lin Xin with his flamboyant words.

Meanwhile, Lin Huang listened quietly. He had to admit that the man was good at persuading. After the man was done talking, Lin Huang said, "Bring us to the one with the best environment then."

"Sure please give me a minute, I'll get a couple of camel monsters here." The man said.

"No need for that, we have our own." Lin Huang then summoned the Viridian Wolf.

The man noticed that Lin Huang did not use a monster taming token when he recalled the Alexandrian Eagle. When Lin Huang summoned the Viridian Wolf without a taming token, the man was sure that Lin Huang was an Imperial Censor.

The three of them rode on the Viridian Wolf while the man took out a monster taming token and summoned a Camel Monster. The Camel Monster was a common monster which was not even iron-level. It looked like a camel but was more prominent in size without a hump. This beast was slow but it was strong. Usually, people would use them as transport. The Camel Monster had golden hair and was quite glorious but when it saw the Viridian Wolf, it was shaking in its knees.

The Viridian Wolf glared at the Camel Monster. Lin Huang noticed that too and said to the man, "You can lead the way, we'll follow behind."

The man apologized and led the Camel Monster to walk in front of them. Only when the Camel Monster lost sight of the wolf did it



return to normal. The man then got on the Camel Monster and Lin Huang followed the man on the Viridian Wolf with his family.

The Viridian Wolf was playful, so it started to chase after the Camel Monster. Seven to eight minutes later, the man attempted to stop the beast from running but the Camel Monster refused to listen. Instead, it started running even faster.

"Stop! Stop right now!"

Seeing that shouting did not work, the man turned around and said to Lin Huang, "You guys should stop here. This is the unit you're looking for; please give me a minute and I'll be back soon!"

Lin Huang then patted the Viridian Wolf to get it to stop running. The three of them got down from the wolf and looked at the villa. From the outside, it looked quite unique. A short while later, the man came back to the villa with his clothes in a mess. "I'm so sorry for the delay. My Camel Monster can be easily frightened sometimes..."

"Don't worry about it, let's take a look at the house." Lin Huang nodded and smiled.

The man tucked in his shirt and brought the three of them into the villa.

"This unit located in the middle of all the villas is among our four best units that we have, which also happens to have the best

environment. There's a garden in front and behind the environment. The main building was a triple-story building attached to a double-story building on the other side. There was an open-air garden on the third floor..."

After a simple introduction, the man opened the door with his ID card and brought the three of them into the house.

"It's such a big living room!" Lin Xin exclaimed as she walked in. The living room was not spacious, it had a porch with an overhang that was more than 10 meters high.

"We have taken the solidity of the building into consideration, so we designed the porch to be 15-meters high. There are two parts to the living room which includes the front portion, and when you walk further in you'll see the main living room. The height of the living room will be 3.5 meters..."

The man explained as they looked at the villa. When they arrived at the balcony on the third floor, they were amazed by the glacial mountains facing the balcony.

"There are two balconies in this house. As we are located in the north, we can see the north glacial wall directly..."

The north glacial wall referred to the glacial mountains that they were looking at. The mountains were divided the north and south zones of Division7. At the north side of the glacial wall, winter would last at six months while the south had the usual four season.

Although the glacial wall was tens of thousands of kilometers long, it only occupied a small part of the east side of Division 7. The weather on the northeast side was different from other areas which meant that the glacial walls were unique to this area, making it a unique view. Standing on the balcony, Lin Xin seemed to be convinced. However, Lin Huang was being realistic when he said, "I guess this is more like a holiday villa. If we were to stay here permanently, it would not be ideal."

"We have thought of that as well, which is why the amenities are complete. However, as a whole, this is indeed, more like a holiday villa. Of course, it'd perfect for those who enjoy peace and quiet." The man said.

"The environment outside, the style and design inside including the view of the glacial mountains are perfect but... It's just a little too remote." Lin Huang voiced his concern. He was satisfied with the house, but it was too far from the city.

Lin Huang did not enjoy noise but living in solitary was not ideal as well. After all, humans were social animals; it would not be healthy for them to avoid social contact for extended periods of time. Lin Huang had no problem with that as he would not be staying at home most of the time but he was concerned about Lin Xin and Lin Xuan.

They then left the place on the Alexandrian Eagle to the second location. The second house was chosen by Lin Huang and Lin Xuan. Located in the middle of the foothold, it was front and center in the busiest area in the city. However, it was not a villa but a high-rise condominium instead. The unit was huge;

measuring about 1,200 square meters and it came fully furnished with a variety of amenities.

Lin Huang and Lin Xuan were satisfied with the house, but not Lin Xin.

"This is good but something seems to be lacking... It doesn't feel like a home... It feels more like a hotel room." Lin Xin commented. Lin Huang thought about it and agreed with Lin Xin.

"Let's take a look at the last one then!"

They left the second house and headed to the third location. It was a villa located in the east of Snow City. There were more than 80 villas in the area but the size of this unit was much smaller than the one they saw in the first location. Arriving at the sales building, they were treated warmly by the sales person who was a lady in her late teenage years. She seemed to be a sweet lady.

"This area is considered to be the second most popular location in the city. There are many other luxurious areas around and the area is quite safe. That aside, we have everything close by which includes the Credit Bureau, hospitals, a garden, supermarkets, delivery companies and street food. They're all within two kilometers and you'll be able to get there by foot..."

"It's pretty busy here, have many people purchased the units already?" Lin Huang smiled and asked.

"Yes, we've just started selling the units a few days back. We've already sold more than 60 units so there aren't many left available." The salesperson smiled.

"However, the price for the units isn't cheap at all. Are most of the buyers... Hunters?" Lin Huang asked.

"Some of them are hunters and some of them are businessmen. Since there are hunters here, it would be safer, that's one of the reasons why more businessmen are willing to pay a premium to stay here." The sales person said.

"I understand now. Please bring us to your best unit." Lin Huang did not want to look for more houses anymore. Since this place was complete with amenities, he planned to purchase it on the spot if it was suitable.

Soon they arrived at the villa, it was a triple-story villa with a courtyard. There were balconies on the second and third floor. There was nothing to shout about as it was much smaller than the first villa they saw. However, Lin Xin seemed to like it a lot. They entered the villa and saw the living room which was at least three times bigger than the house they used to stay in Wulin Town. It gave Lin Huang a good impression.

"The floor, wardrobes, cabinets, dining tables and chairs were made from Pandora trees while the rest of the furniture was designed by a celebrity designer..."

"There are three floors in this villa. It's 180 square meters on the

first floor. The most spacious floor would be the second floor which is 230 square meters as there's a huge balcony and the third floor has two mini balconies, measuring the entire floor at about 200 square meters..."

Soon they had seen the entire villa. Lin Huang realized that the house was not as small as he thought, just that it wasn't as glamorous as the first villa that they saw. It was much more homey than the second condominium.

"What do you think?" Lin Huang looked at Lin Xin and Lin Xuan.

"I love it!" Lin Xin nodded and smiled, she would prefer a house that was smaller like the one they used to stay in. Lin Xuan nodded too.

"Alright then, this is it!" Lin Huang made up his mind.

# Chapter 196: New Year's Eve

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Someone on Earth once said that a man's ultimate goal would be to live in a big house, drive big cars and marry a beautiful woman! Holding the key to his new house, Lin Huang had achieved one of them, which was to live in a big house! The house was 510-meter square and it cost 110 million credit points, which was almost 220,000 credit points per square meter. It was considered a luxurious house and even a rich man would have to think twice about it. However, such a price was nothing for a hunter.

100 million credit points were equivalent to 1,000 years of Life Crystal pieces, which were only 10 complete Life Crystals. A hunter such as Lin Huang could make that money back anytime he wanted. He was worried that the residential permit would not be approved when he purchased the house but it was. He registered the house under Lin Xin's new identity - Ling Xue.

They moved into the house right away after the payment was done. They did not even return to the hotel as Lin Huang checked-out from the hotel online. He booked the hotel room for three days but they only stayed for a day, the hotel refunded him immediately. On the first floor of the house was a living room, an open kitchen, and two bathrooms. There were three bedrooms and two bathrooms on the second floor. One of the bedrooms was bigger, it was for Lin Huang while the two bedrooms were of the same size. Lin Xin and Lin Xuan each got a room. Lin Xuan finally had a room to himself.

The balcony on the second floor was spacious, it was connected to the three bedrooms. It was Lin Xin's favorite. On the third floor was a huge study room and two guest rooms with mini balconies.

There were also a small storeroom and a bathroom. The floor was empty at the moment. After moving all the stuff out from his storage space, it officially became their new home.

"It'll be New Year's Eve in two days, let's clean up the house today and buy the stuff tomorrow morning! Give me a list of what you guys would like to eat and buy or you might forget by tomorrow." Lin Huang said to the both of them.

New Year's Eve was the biggest festival in this world. There were two calendars in the world, one was the Gregorian calendar which was commonly used, while the other one is the ancient perpetual calendar. The Gregorian calendar was the calendar that was modified after the new era while the perpetual calendar was inherited since the ancient era.

Since the new era, many things were changed in this world. Even the cultivation system was different than before. However, festivities such as the New Year's Eve remained. The festival was similar to the New Year that was celebrated on Earth. The families would prepare snacks such as dried fruits, candies, as well as meat, fish and other foods. The kids were allowed to not eat vegetables during the festival and they would not be punished by their parents.

Besides that, there would be all sorts of red items sold on the streets including lanterns and knitted goods. The color red represented a brand new year and hoping for new breakthroughs in life. During the New Year's Eve, the elders would buy gifts for the kids while adults would buy gifts for the elders. It was not a friendly gesture but rather as a form of appreciation. Kids were the



happiest during this festival. However, the adults would have to spend...

It was the first New Year's Eve that Lin Huang would be celebrating ever since he arrived in this world. Although he had fond memories of the festival, it was not the same in this world. At night, after churning out a list of his own and receiving Lin Xin and Lin Xuan's list, he went to bed.

In the morning, Lin Huang brought them both out shopping. The streets were filled with the ambiance of the festivity where red lanterns were hung on the doorways of shops as well as calligraphy. The calligraphy was similar to the couplets on Earth. However, in this world the calligraphy functions as a decoration with no symbolic meaning

It was the first time for Lin Xin and Lin Xuan to do New Year's shopping, they were excited. Although it was Lin Huang's first time shopping in this world too, he was calm since he had done it numerous times on Earth.

"Brother, that lantern is so pretty!"

"Let's buy that!"

"Brother, that calligraphy is so pretty!"

"Let's buy that!"

"Brother, that doll is so pretty!"

"Let's buy that!"

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For the things that she wanted, Lin Xin would say, "That ... is so pretty," whereas Lin Xuan would hint to Lin Huang the things that he wanted, by standing in front of the shops. After shopping for the entire morning, Lin Huang only managed to buy presents for the two. Not much on the list was crossed off. The good thing was, everything could be kept inside the storage space, which made shopping easier.

After lunch, the two were excited and wanted to shop again. Lin Huang shook his head.

"We should buy everything on the list first before we start buying the other stuff. New Year's Eve would be the day after tomorrow, we have other stuff to do tomorrow."

The two nodded, they knew they could always come back to do more shopping as the shopping streets were just a kilometer away from home.

In the afternoon, Lin Huang spent a couple of hours purchasing all the items on the list. After dinner, Lin Huang accompanied the both of them to shop. They returned home at night after 10. Lin Huang went straight to bed after his shower, he thought shopping

for the entire day was even more tiring than fighting monsters in the tower during the Purple Crow training camp.

The next day, Lin Huang woke them both up early in the morning. It was a day before New Year's Eve. After breakfast, Lin Huang took out all the decorations that they bought yesterday and started decorating their rooms. They managed to finish by noon. Lin Huang placed some snacks and fruits on the living room's coffee table. They went shopping again in the afternoon. Lin Huang did not want to go initially but he did not want them to go on their own.

A day passed just like that. It was New Year's Eve. In the morning, Lin Huang made a dinner reservation at a highly recommended hotel nearby. He then placed the gifts for Lin Xin and Lin Xuan at a side in the living room. When they woke up, they neither brush their teeth nor washed their faces. They began opening their presents. These were all the stuff that they had wanted from shopping, there were 50 to 60 items.

Meanwhile, Lin Huang sat on the couch and watched them open the presents. He did not have any siblings on Earth, it was pure bliss for him to be able to do this. With his maturity, they could even be his own children. He was not worried that he might spoil them as he could be strict with them when necessary.

It started snowing as they were opening their presents. Lin Huang got up and lit up the black rock in the furnace. He bought that two days ago, it was similar to charcoal on Earth. As it was pure mineral, it would burn slowly in the fire to release heat and emit a red glow. Seeing that the furnace was fired up, both of them

moved their presents in front of the furnace and continued unwrapping. When they were done, they were asked to wash up before breakfast. As they were brushing their teeth, they noticed that the snow was getting stronger.

After breakfast, the both of them played with the snow in the courtyard. As Lin Huang leaned on the door with his cup of tea, Lin Xin threw a snowball at him. Lin Huang smiled and dodged it, Lin Xuan followed Lin Xin as well. They started a snowball fight where Lin Xin and Lin Xuan threw snowballs at him while Lin Huang dodged all of them. Soon, Lin Huang noticed that the snowballs that were tossed by Lin Xuan were getting faster and faster. He seemed to apply the skill he obtained from Gun Master onto the snowballs.

Half an hour later, Lin Xuan's snowball managed to hit Lin Huang.

"Alright, I surrender. You guys should go in now." Lin Huang raised his hands and got them both back into the house. The both of them sat on the floor before the furnace while eating snacks. Lin Xuan did not want to eat any nuts or fruits, he did not even want to eat candies. Lin Huang prepared dried meat for him.

At night, dinner was served. The three of them sat together on the dining table with a delicious meal to celebrate the end of the year. Snow was falling, the fire was bright in the house. The shiny rock reflected onto the ceiling like a starry night...

"This New Year's Eve isn't that bad at all..." Lin Huang smiled as he watched the both of them enjoying their dinner.

# Chapter 197: Yu Moli

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After finishing up some minor errands, Lin Huang could finally focus on the mission that was set by Mr. Fu. A month had passed and Lin Huang did not have much time left as he was supposed to complete the mission in two months. Everything would go as planned if he managed to maintain his winning streak, but if he were to lose one battle or meet a draw, he would have to start from square one.

He was only left with battle videos from two individuals. One was the person who ranked No.1, Yu Moli and the other was ranked No.2, Ebonella. As Lin Huang played the video, he found out that Ebonella was a lady. She was not only a lady, but a gorgeous young lady. She looked like she was only 16 or 17, but she was at least 1.7 meters tall. She had a unique weapon, it was a black umbrella.

After watching a couple of her battles, Lin Huang noticed that it was a special weapon which could morph into different things including a defensive item, a firearm, a spear, a sword and even a short blade. It was the most versatile weapon which could morph interchangeably into different forms that Lin Huang had ever seen. The lady was outstanding as she professionally mastered all the five forms. The change from one form to another was flawless.

"This lady really is something!" Lin Huang spent a couple of days watching all of her videos, he could not find any flaws in them. It was not because it was flawless but was because she managed to cover up her flaws as she switches between the different forms of the umbrella. She could trick her opponents with her flaws and lures them into her traps. However, with Lin Huang's vision skills, he could not tell if those were her actual flaws or traps that she had

set up.

"She's only No.2, what could No.1 be?"

From the videos, Lin Huang knew very well that he might not be able to win if he encountered an opponent like this lady. However, Yu Moli who ranked No.1 had accumulated more than 160,000 points, five times more than No.2. This made Lin Huang curious, wanting to find out more about this person.

"Why does this nickname sounds like a real name?" Lin Huang activated the arena and looked for the person. He then found out that the guy was using his actual name in the game.

Yu Moli was royalty from the Yu family. He was the most outstanding one among the younger generation in his family and possessed the abilities of a genius. Although he was only silver-level rank-3, his abilities were even more powerful than someone who was gold-level rank-3. He did not even bother to use a nickname in the game.

"He looks like an obnoxious person. Everybody calls him a genius, he must be really powerful." Lin Huang proceeded to watch the first video of Yu Moli.

Lin Huang was stunned as Yu Moli launched his first attack. There was a purple flame coming out from his hand and it looked like a real flame. To be able to create such a realistic flame with Life Power meant that one would have to at least be holy fire-level. No matter how powerful one's Life Power was, people on holy fire-

level would not be able to do such a thing.

"How does he do that?" Lin Huang watched curiously.

His opponent was immediately killed with the flame. Lin Huang was shocked at what he just saw.

"How is that even possible! Although Life Power contained elemental attributes, it'll still be limited by the nature of Life Power if one is only at holy fire-level. It's impossible to manifest the full elemental attribute. Fire element Life Power should only give out heat and it's impossible to kill someone with flame like that!"

Still in doubt, Lin Huang logged onto the Hunter Info Network to look for information about Yu Moli. It was much more detailed than the one he saw on Hunter Arena. After reading everything, Lin Huang finally understood how Yu Moli manage to do something like that. When he was killing a monster, he obtained an additional Life Seed monster which granted him the monster's purple flame ability. Under usual circumstances, the possibility of such an occurrence was low as the Life Seed would usually go into one's body together with Life Light when one leveled up. When a monster was killed, the Life Seed in the monster would fade away together with its Life Light instead of entering the human body.

However, there were people with unique body types which could absorb the Life Seed from certain monsters. After killing the monster, the Life Seed would be absorbed into the human body. Such Life Seeds would not transform into one's talent and instead, the person would obtain a random monster skill. It was similar to

Lin Huang's skill extraction but it was rare, as only 1% of the people would have this ability. Yu Moli was one of the few lucky ones who could obtain a monster skill from a Life Seed.

Lin Huang did not know that others could obtain monster skills as well. He would always avoid letting others know about his skill and he did not even dare to use Blood Spirit as he did not want them to think that he was a monster. After reading about Yu Moli, Lin Huang knew that he did not have to hide any longer. He would only be labeled as a lucky person by everybody else.

"Seems like I can use my Blood Spirit wings since others would think its Blood Power anyway." Lin Huang inherited the Blood Spirit wings from Bai, a powerful ability. With the help of the wings, he was even thinking of attempting to challenge someone on gold-level rank-3.

Lin Huang spent the following days watching all of Yu Moli's battle videos. After evaluating his own, Lin Huang realized that Yu Moli's battle strategies were the least useful ones among the top 10. He only relied on his flames to kill his opponents and did not display any other abilities at all. The flame could be activated with just a slight amount of Life Power, which was about the same amount as what Lin Huang's Blood Spirit wings would need. This was the benefit of a monster skill; it drained only minimal amounts of Life Power. That was the reason why Yu Moli was able to use his flame like it was nobody's business. He mastered the ability and was able to bring the flames up to high temperatures which allowed him to kill his opponents easily no matter who they were.



"It's no wonder he managed to accumulate so many points. With such an ability, no ordinary person could even think of defeating him." Lin Huang finally knew how Yu Moli accumulated the points - He never lost!

Lin Huang spent another two days to conclude and digest all the information that he managed to get.

Later, Lin Huang logged onto Hunter Arena again...

## Chapter 198: The Second Keeper

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Since his 50 winning streaks, Lin Huang did not log into the Hunter Arena for almost a month. Many noticed that he signed in again. There was a [Follow] button in the arena which would notify you if the person you're following came online. The same thing would happen if the person you were following entered the arena, you would receive a notification and you could choose to watch the battle immediately.

Ever since his win-streak, his followers had increased from less than 500 to more than 300,000 people. Most of them were the people of silver-level rank-3 on the sixth floor. Besides those who were in battles at the moment, the 100,000 followers who were online received the same notification.

"The person 'Sword Genius' that you are following is online now!"

It started a discussion.

"Sword Genius is online?! I thought he would quit after his 50-win streak!"

"Finally! He's making a comeback after so long!"

"I knew he wouldn't stop at his 50-win streak. Even if he didn't manage to #1, he'd at least want to be top 10!"

"He must be here to challenge further. I must watch him live this time!"

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Standing in the sixth floor in the arena, Lin Huang was stunned at the number of his fans. He knew that came from his 50 winning streaks.

"330,000 fans, seems like I'm not that far away from getting a blue tick..." Lin Huang teased himself and pressed the challenge button. Soon, he was sent onto an empty arena. The moment he entered the arena, tens of thousands of people entered the room within seconds and within three seconds, the room was filled with 50,000 people.

Lin Huang just noticed that the room was much bigger than the previous one. The challenge room Lin Huang was sent before he achieved his 50-win streak could only contain 10,000 people, it was the standard arena. After the 50-win streak, the arena got an upgrade. Fortunately, the size of the ring remained the same or Lin Huang might not be able to adapt in such a short period of time.

His opponent was sent at an instant, it was a young man who dressed like an ancient scholar with an ink-painted fan in his hand.

"Is this cosplay..." Lin Huang was speechless when he saw his opponent's attire. Meanwhile, the opponent was shocked at the amount of people who were watching. He was so shocked that he dropped his fan.

Soon he noticed that he was unfortunate that he was randomly sent to fight a powerful opponent. He then looked at Lin Huang's scoreboard.

"Sword Genius?!" The man finally knew who he was encountering. The name had been a hot topic since a month ago.

"I never expected to be sent to the genius who managed to achieve a 50-win streak, this is his first battle after disappearing for a month..."

The man was in great pressure. Lin Huang was stunned when he looked at his scoreboard.

"Nickname: Great Pressure From A Mountain of Books"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 1502"

"Accumulated Points: 1321"

"Winning Percentage: 71%"

"What's with your nickname?" Lin Huang asked.

"I wanted to call myself Scholar but it was already taken. So I changed it to 'Scholar In Great Pressure' but the system mistaken it as 'Mountain of Books'. I pressed the confirm button too fast and that's how my name came about." The man seemed upset.

"Ahh okay..." Lin Huang thought he met another traveler.

As they finished talking, the countdown ended.

"You go first." Lin Huang said to him as he knew the opponent would not have a chance to attack him if Lin Huang was to attack first.

"I surrender!" The man raised his hand and surrendered. It was the first time Lin Huang encountered someone who surrendered at the first moment, he did not expect him to do that.

Soon, the man's body disintegrated and disappeared from the ring. Lin Huang's second opponent was sent onto the wrong arena; his name was 'Sword In-Training'. Even after he was picked to fight Lin Huang, he was not afraid. Instead, he was excited. However, he was killed within the first three seconds and was sent out from the ring. The crowd was quite chaotic as most of them watching Lin Huang fight live for the first time, which proved the rumors they to be true. Many of them imagined themselves as Lin Huang's opponents and figured they would have died too.

After revealing his ability in the second battle, most of the people no longer doubted his abilities any longer. As the third and fourth opponents were killed with one hit, nobody dared to doubt Lin

Huang.

"He's so powerful!"

"He's killing people like he's cutting vegetables..."

"Marry me, master!" A hunk with beard shouted.

"You sure about that?" A bunch of people glared at him.

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Nine battles in, Lin Huang had won all of them without even breaking a sweat. Aside from the first battle where his opponent surrendered, he managed to kill the other eight opponents with just one hit. He was already at a 59-win streak. Who could be the keeper of the 60th battle?! Many were anticipating that answer. Although the arena did not reveal information regarding the 60th keeper, everybody knew that the keeper after the 50th win-streak would get increasingly more powerful. It was an unspoken rule.

When Lin Huang was on his 50th battle, his opponent was 'Master White' who ranked No.18. Now that it was the 60th battle, it was likely that he would face someone who was ranked even higher than 'Master White'.

"Who would it be?" Everyone had the same question.

After the 59th challenger's body disintegrated from the ring, the crowd went silent. There was not even cheering for Lin Huang's win. Everyone stared at the ring without blinking, waiting for the appearance of the keeper.

Meanwhile, Lin Huang remained standing, without any expression on his face. He knew very well that the keeper would be much more powerful than 'Master White' and soon, a person was sent onto the ring.

The person was covered in an intense white glow which made him look like the main focus of the ring. That was the usual entrance gimmick of the keeper.

The crowd could only tell that it was a man. Nobody could see his face clearly due to the intense white glow. Soon, as the glow faded away, the features of the keeper were finally showing...

"It's Feng Wu!" Someone among the crowd recognized him in an instant.

# Chapter 199: Feng Wu

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Feng Wu ranked No.11 on the sixth floor of the arena and was a sword expert like Lin Huang. It was unsure if it was arranged by the system on purpose but the battle was between two sword experts. Before Feng Wu appeared, many in the crowd knew that the keeper of the battle would not be anyone from the top 10. Instead, it would be someone from No. 11 to No.17. Many of them had guessed that it would be Feng Wu. If Lin Huang achieved a 60-win streak, the keeper would have to be one of the people in the top 10. The appearance of Feng Wu implied that if Lin Huang managed to defeat him, it would be more difficult for Lin Huang to win in the future.

Lin Huang looked at Feng Wu's scoreboard.

"Nickname: Feng Wu"

"Combat Strength: White Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 4208"

"Accumulated Points: 10569"

"Winning Percentage: 93%"

Lin Huang did not know Feng Wu. However, there were only 12 people who managed to obtain more than 10,000 points on the leaderboard. He saw Feng Wu's name ranked at No.11. However,



Lin Huang neither knew what weapon Feng Wu nor did he know his combat style but he was not afraid of him. In reality, when Lin Huang saw Feng Wu's name, what crossed his mind was not his name, but the fact that his nickname actually sounded like an actual name.

As expected, Feng Wu was his real name. The reason why he decided to use his actual name was different from the obnoxious Yu Moli. He tried using four to five nicknames unsuccessfully when he was registering. After several tries, he did not bother to come up with a nickname anymore so he decided to use his real name instead. Feng Wu had battled with Master White at least once. Although he had never lost, he knew Master White's ability very well.

Knowing that Master White was killed by Lin Huang in one hit during his time as a keeper, he downloaded the battle video immediately. He was surprised to see how Lin Huang used his sword. As a sword expert himself, Feng Wu could see that Lin Huang was a true sword master. That was what Feng Wu had been dreaming of before he leveled up to transcendent. A normal sword expert could usually master a sword skill after he was at holy fire-level. One who managed to master it before getting to transcendent would be a great talent while those who manage to master it before even getting to gold-level like Lin Huang would be considered to be a genius.

In the name of researching Lin Huang's sword skills, Feng Wu downloaded all Lin Huang's battle videos. He then realized that Lin Huang did not use his sword at all before his encounter with Master White. He wasted his points downloading those videos. However, Feng Wu did not give up. He had been following Sword

Genius in the arena so that he would be able to watch him live as soon as he started a battle. Nobody knew Lin Huang would not even log into the arena for a month. He was excited to see Sword Genius not only sign-in but start a battle as well. However, he failed to enter the ring as there were no seats remaining...

Just when he was thinking of ways to get himself in, Feng Wu was sent into the ring as the keeper of Lin Huang's 60-win streak. He was over the moon. Lin Huang had chills going down his spine when he saw Feng Wu looking at him passionately, "He's not gay, is he...."

"Erm... Sword Genius, could we please be best friends?" Feng Wu asked before the countdown ended.

Lin Huang had his guard up and declined, "I don't swing that way."

Although people in the ring could not hear the sound outside, everything that happened in the ring could be heard loud and clear outside. The crowd heard everything that they were saying in the ring and most of them were puzzled.

"Feng Wu humbled himself to show kindness, this Sword Genius is arrogant!"

"Who does he think he is? How dare he said that to Feng Wu?!"

"He could totally do that. It's not like Feng Wu had never battled

with Master White in the past but has he ever killed Master White in one hit like Sword Genius did?! Feng Wu probably knew that he could not defeat Sword Genius so he wanted Sword Genius to show him mercy."

"True powerful men are all weird. Perhaps Sword Genius has poor social skills because he only focused on training his swords. It's normal that he rejected Feng Wu."

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Many thought Lin Huang was arrogant for rejecting Feng Wu offer to be best friends with him. However, some of them supported Lin Huang. Feng Wu was stunned at the rejection. He thought about it and it was truly an absurd move. It was normal that Lin Huang had his guard up and rejected him. He smiled awkwardly and shook his head, the silver-level weapon ring on his hand transforming itself into a battle sword.

Seeing the battle sword, Lin Huang recalled that he had seen Feng Wu's battle with Master White before. He noticed that Feng Wu's sword was unique as the sword's body was long and thin. From that, Lin Huang could tell that he was a sword expert that focused on speed. However, when Lin Huang was watching the video, he did not notice the name of the person nor his appearance. He only managed to connect the dots when he saw the sword.

"This is the guy..." Lin Huang was impressed by Feng Wu's sword skill because he was one among the few people who actually managed to defeat Master White. Master White had the advantage in speed which allowed him to launch his attack before his

opponents in most battles. However, Feng Wu's speed was not much slower than his. Master White's speed did not affect Feng Wu much. Rather, it was the other way round as Master White was affected by Feng Wu's attack rhythm, causing him to lose.

"Stunning sword skills, lightning speed, amazing rhythm." That was Lin Huang's comments for Feng Wu when he watched the video. However, now that he was standing in the same arena as Feng Wu, he had the confidence to win. He smirked as he transformed the silver weapon ring on his middle finger into a silver-level battle sword. The sword seemed ordinary, like it was something readily available on the market.

The countdown ended.

Feng Wu leaped and plunged towards Lin Huang at a terrifying speed...

# Chapter 200: Sword Genius Versus Feng Wu

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Feng Wu launched his attack like a lion attacking a rabbit. Feng Wu was taught since young never to underestimate his opponents. Not only that, Lin Huang regarded him as a ferocious beast instead of a helpless little lamb. Lin Huang was ready as he was more alert than ever. What was happening in the ring was nothing like what the crowd had expected.

Feng Wu was the keeper that was supposed to stop Lin Huang's progress. Theoretically, Lin Huang should be attacking. However, it was the other way around. As the countdown ended, Feng Wu seized the opportunity to attack first. It looked like Feng Wu was the fighter while Lin Huang was the keeper...

It was nothing out of the ordinary for the both of them in the ring. Feng Wu's attack was quick; it was comparable with Master White's who Lin Huang encountered a month ago. As the silver sword ripped out, it created a wave in the air. It looked like something that was flying on the water's surface. A deadly aura that felt like the grim reaper's scythe was heading for Lin Huang's neck.

Lin Huang stood at where he was while waiting for Feng Wu to come to him, his eyes looking fearless. He suddenly raised his sword. There were shadows in the air moving in slow-motion. However, the tip of the sword managed to meet Feng Wu's sword that was coming to him at lightning speed. Feng Wu felt such an intense force that he almost dropped his sword onto the ground, causing his initial attack to miss.

Lin Huang smiled as plunged his sword towards Feng Wu's right arm. Feng Wu moved his body aside and dodged Lin Huang's sword. He leaped away from Lin Huang. Feng Wu finally realized how powerful Lin Huang was and began to sweat. The attack from Lin Huang felt like he had activated a spiritual creature that could identify Feng Wu's flaws.

"Is this what one is capable of when he had mastered the sword? I'm still far away from achieving that level."

Feng Wu Knew how much he lacked when it came to his sword skills compared to Lin Huang because he was still limited by his fighting style. However, Lin Huang was at another level. Seeing that Feng Wu was getting away from him, Lin Huang did not go after him. Instead, he stood at where he was like nothing happened while looking at Feng Wu.

"Your skill isn't that bad." Lin Huang said after looking at Feng Wu for a while.

He had seen his skills before in the video where Feng Wu was fighting Master Bai. He could see that his sword skill was epic-level. However, he did not use much of the styles during the battle. Lin Huang was not in a rush to kill Feng Wu as he wanted to see more of his sword styles so that he could learn.

"Thank you for the compliment, yours isn't that bad as well." Feng Wu complemented Lin Huang in return. What he meant was not Lin Huang's sword skill but his own. The attack earlier was not a sword skill, but was a tactic that he came up by himself. However, that was sufficient to know that Lin Huang's mastery of

sword was much better than himself.

Feng Wu was not afraid at all to face a powerful opponent like Lin Huang. Instead, he was exhilarated. He knew that no matter what the result of the battle would be, he would learn something about swords from Lin Huang.

"Come, let me see how much you have mastered your sword skill." Lin Huang waved at Feng Wu; he looked like a senior who was coaching a junior. Most of the audience in the crowd were shocked to see this.

"Is the Sword Genius provoking Feng Wu?"

"Why does it look like a master instructing his apprentice."

"Sword Genius is the real keeper here!"

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People were discussing among themselves outside the ring. However, Feng Wu was not offended at all. Lin Huang was more skillful than he was, it was normal that he wanted to see what he has so that he could point out his mistakes. Furthermore, he was there to learn from Lin Huang.

"The sword skill that I'm practicing is called Thunder Touch, it's a transcendent level combat skill. Unfortunately, I'm not qualified, yet so I've yet to master this sword skill..." Feng Wu raised his sword again and looked at Lin Huang intensely, "Here goes nothing!"

Feng Wu dashed towards Lin Huang again. This time he was faster than before. He was so fast that he cracked the ground of the ring. They were initially more than 10 meters apart from each other but now they were then less than a meter apart . This time, Feng Wu had his sword pointing straight at Lin Huang's heart. The tip of the sword looked like it was distorted from a high temperature which also caused the air around the tip to be distorted. It was silent.

Lin Huang stood motionlessly as Feng Wu attacked. He raised his sword again with slow-motion shadows in the air, pointing towards Feng Wu's sword that was heading towards him. Suddenly, Feng Wu's became twice as fast as he was. The rhythm of the air around him was messed up as he aimed at Lin Huang's heart at lightning speed.

A strange pattern appeared in Lin Huang's eyes. Soon, his sword became two times faster as well. A silver glow flashed in the air; his sword clashed with Feng Wu's sword again. Feng Wu was shocked and took a few steps back immediately while Lin Huang remained standing. It was obvious that who was more powerful among them, even a person who has no clues about sword would be able to come up with a conclusion easily.

"The Sword Genius is just too powerful. From the beginning, he



had never moved a step while Feng Wu had already stepped back twice."

"That's right; Sword Genius is like an unmovable mountain compared to Feng Wu."

"That's skill right there. With Feng Wu's terrifying speed, Lin Huang still managed to defend himself effortlessly."

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"You are attempting to use speed to cover up your flaws but what you don't know is, no matter how fast you are, your flaws would still be there." Lin Huang gave his opinion on Feng Wu's attack.

"It wouldn't be a problem if your opponent is slow. However, for a person who is fast like me, no matter how fast you are, your flaws will always remain."

Feng Wu flushed as Lin Huang revealed his flaws. He hesitated and asked, "So what should I do?"

"Your flaws have nothing to do with your sword skill; it's about you. You have yet to master the skill, your attack seemed powerful but you become exhausted when you are using the skill. It feels like you're riding on a monster that you have yet to tame. It would be alright if you're using it just for a stroll but if it were to run at full speed, it would definitely escape your grasp." Lin Huang pointed out Feng Wu's problem.

"There are two solutions. One is to spend some time to master your sword skills and another is to train in another sword skill that's not as powerful."

Feng Wu smiled awkwardly and shook his head as he listened to the solutions that were given by Lin Huan, "I'm not gifted, even if I spend my time training, the results would be minimal. Forget about switching to another sword skill. If I gave up on a powerful sword skill and go for a lower level skill instead, I'm afraid I'd become weaker in the future..."

Seeing that Feng Wu did not want to take his advice, Lin Huang did not bother to continue to say any further.

As their conversation ended, Feng Wu attacked Lin Huang again while he remained standing in the same spot. The more he attacked, the less powerful his attack was but more of his flaws were showing through. After displaying all of his skills, Lin Huang decided that it was unnecessary for him to waste his time any further. Instead of standing where he was, he ran towards Feng Wu. Although he was not as fast as Feng Wu, Feng Wu knew he could never escape from his attack. The sword emitted a purple glow. Feng Wu was shocked by what he saw, Lin Huang passed by, and the purple glow slashed through his neck.

A trail of blood appeared along Feng Wu's neck; his head fell to the ground followed by his body. Lin Huang stood behind Feng Wu while transforming his silver-level battle sword into a ring, "The best thing has to be something that suits you most, it has nothing to do with what it's worth."

"Congratulations, you have won the battle!"

A notification appeared before him. Soon, an announcement came from the sound system in the arena.

"Congratulations! Sword Genius defeated keeper Feng Wu on the sixth floor of the arena, winning 60 battles consecutively!"

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Lin Huang remained in the ring and checked his scoreboard as Feng Wu's body disappeared.

"Nickname: Sword Genius"

"Combat Strength: Silver-Level Rank-3"

"Battle Count: 60"

"Accumulated Points: 2516"

"Winning Percentage: 100%"

"Honor: 60-win streaks!"

Many players who were online heard about Sword Genius' 60th winning streak. Many of them remembered that he managed to get his 50-win streak a month ago. Now that he got his 60-win streak, some of them who underestimated him were shocked. There were a couple of them who managed to get 50-win streak annually. However, there were only one or two players who would achieve 60-win streaks yearly and sometimes even none. As the keeper would become increasingly stronger each time, the one that was sent during the 50-win streak was considered to be the weakest while the keeper for the 60-win streak would be much more powerful. That was the reason why some of them did not expect Lin Huang to win.

However, the 60-win streak had shocked many as they had expected Lin Huang to disappear for a while after this round. Lin Huang was still standing in the ring

"Would you like to continue to battle?"

Just as the notification popped up, Lin Huang pressed the button on the left.

"Yes!"